

ALGEBRAIC POINCARÉ COBORDISM

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Introduction

The object of this paper is to give a reasonably leisurely account of the algebraic Poincaré cobordism theory of Ranicki [15], [16] and the further development due to Weiss [19], along with some of the applications to manifolds and vector bundles. It is a companion paper to Ranicki [17], which is an introduction to algebraic surgery using forms and formations.

Algebraic Poincaré cobordism is modelled on the bordism groups $\Omega_*(X)$ of maps $f : M \rightarrow X$ from manifolds to a space X . The Wall [18] surgery obstruction groups $L_*(A)$ of a ring with involution A were expressed in [15] as the cobordism groups of A -module chain complexes C with a quadratic Poincaré duality

$$\psi : H^{n-*}(C) \cong H_*(C) ,$$

and the surgery obstruction $\sigma_*(f, b) \in L_n(\mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X)])$ of an n -dimensional normal map $(f, b) : M \rightarrow X$ was expressed as the cobordism class (C, ψ) of an n -dimensional f.g. free $\mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X)]$ -module chain complex C such that

$$H_*(C) = \ker(f_* : H_*(\widetilde{M}) \rightarrow H_*(\widetilde{X}))$$

together with an n -dimensional quadratic Poincaré duality ψ . The passage from the bundle map $b : \nu_M \rightarrow \nu_X$ to ψ used an equivariant chain level version of the relationship established by Thom between the Wu classes of the normal bundle ν_M of a manifold M and the action of the Steenrod algebra on the Thom class of ν_M .

A chain bundle (C, γ) over a ring with involution A is an A -module chain complex C together with a Tate \mathbb{Z}_2 -hypercohomology class $\gamma \in \widehat{H}^0(\mathbb{Z}_2; C^* \otimes C^*)$. The L -groups $L^*(C, \gamma)$ of [19] are the cobordism groups of symmetric Poincaré complexes over A with a chain bundle map to (C, γ) , which are related to the quadratic L -groups by an exact sequence of abelian groups

$$\cdots \rightarrow L_n(A) \rightarrow L^n(C, \gamma) \rightarrow Q_n(C, \gamma) \rightarrow L_{n-1}(A) \rightarrow \cdots$$

with the Q -groups $Q_*(C, \gamma)$ defined purely homologically. The surgery obstruction groups $L_*(A)$ of [18] and the symmetric L -groups $L^*(A)$ of Mishchenko [13] are

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particular examples of the generalized L -groups $L^*(C, \gamma)$. The main novelty of this paper is an explicit formula obtained in §7 for the addition of elements in $Q_*(C, \gamma)$. The Wu classes $v_*(\nu) \in H^*(X; \mathbb{Z}_2)$ of a $(k-1)$ -spherical fibration ν over a space X (e.g. the sphere bundle of a k -plane bundle) determine a chain bundle $(C(\tilde{X}), \gamma(\nu))$ over $\mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X)]$, with \tilde{X} the universal cover of X , and with a morphism

$$\pi_{n+k}(T(\nu)) \rightarrow Q_n(C(\tilde{X}), \gamma) .$$

For a k -plane bundle ν the morphism factors through the flexible signature map of [19]

$$\Omega_n(X, \nu) = \pi_{n+k}(T(\nu)) \rightarrow L^n(C(\tilde{X}), \gamma(\nu)) .$$

with $\Omega_n(X, \nu)$ the bordism group of normal maps $(f : M \rightarrow X, b : \nu_M \rightarrow \nu)$ from n -dimensional manifolds.

In subsequent joint work with Frank Connolly a computation of $Q_*(C, \gamma)$ will be used to compute the Cappell Unil-groups in certain special cases.

The titles of the sections are

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§1. Rings with involution

In §1 we show how an involution $a \mapsto \bar{a}$ on a ring A determines a duality involution functor

$$(\text{f.g. projective left } A\text{-modules}) \rightarrow (\text{f.g. projective left } A\text{-modules}) .$$

More generally, duality can be defined using an antistructure on A in the sense of Wall [18], and the L -theory results described in this paper all have versions for rings with antistructure.

Let A be an associative ring with 1, together with an involution

$$\bar{} : A \rightarrow A ; a \mapsto \bar{a} ,$$

that is a function satisfying

$$\overline{a+b} = \bar{a} + \bar{b} , \bar{\bar{a}} = a , \overline{ab} = \bar{b} \cdot \bar{a} , \bar{1} = 1 \in A \text{ (} a, b \in A \text{)} .$$

In the topological applications $A = \mathbb{Z}[\pi]$ is a group ring, for some group π equipped with a morphism $w : \pi \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 = \{+1, -1\}$, and the involution is defined by

$$\bar{} : A \rightarrow A ; \sum_{g \in \pi} n_g g \mapsto \sum_{g \in \pi} n_g w(g) g^{-1} .$$

We take A -modules to be left A -modules, unless a right A -action is expressly specified. Given an A -module M there is defined a right A -module M^t with the same additive group and

$$M^t \times A \rightarrow M^t ; (x, a) \mapsto \bar{a}x .$$

The *dual* of an A -module M is the A -module with additive group

$$M^* = \text{Hom}_A(M, A)$$

and A acting by

$$A \times M^* \rightarrow M^* ; (a, f) \mapsto (x \mapsto f(x) \cdot \bar{a}) .$$

The *dual* of an A -module morphism $f \in \text{Hom}_A(M, N)$ is the A -module morphism

$$f^* : N^* \rightarrow M^* ; g \mapsto (x \mapsto g(f(x))) .$$

For a f.g. (finitely generated) projective A -module M the natural A -module isomorphism

$$M \rightarrow M^{**} ; x \mapsto (f \mapsto \overline{f(x)})$$

will be used to identify

$$M^{**} = M .$$

§2. Chain complexes

In order to adequately deal with the quadratic nature of the function $C \rightarrow C^t \otimes_A C$ sending an A -module chain complex C to the \mathbb{Z} -module chain complex $C^t \otimes_A C$ it is necessary to use the equivalence of Dold [7] and Kan [8] (cf. May [10, §22]) between positive \mathbb{Z} -module chain complexes and simplicial \mathbb{Z} -modules. This is now recalled, along with some other properties of chain complexes that we shall require.

An A -module chain complex

$$C : \cdots \rightarrow C_{r+1} \xrightarrow{d} C_r \xrightarrow{d} C_{r-1} \rightarrow \cdots \quad (r \in \mathbb{Z})$$

is *n-dimensional* if each C_r ($0 \leq r \leq n$) is a f.g. projective A -module and $C_r = 0$ for $r < 0$ and $r > n$. By an abuse of terminology chain complexes of the chain homotopy type of an n -dimensional chain complex will also be called *n-dimensional*.

The *suspension* of an A -module chain complex C is the A -module chain complex defined by

$$d_{SC} = d_C : SC_r = C_{r-1} \rightarrow SC_{r-1} = C_{r-2} .$$

If C is n -dimensional then SC is $(n+1)$ -dimensional.

Given an A -module chain complex C let

$$C^r = (C_r)^* \quad (r \in \mathbb{Z}) .$$

The *dual A -module chain complex* C^{-*} is defined by

$$d_{C^{-*}} = (d_C)^* : (C^{-*})_r = C^{-r} \rightarrow (C^{-*})_{r-1} = C^{-r+1} .$$

The *n -dual A -module chain complex* C^{n-*} is defined by

$$d_{C^{n-*}} = (-1)^r (d_C)^* : (C^{n-*})_r = C^{n-r} \rightarrow (C^{n-*})_{r-1} = C^{n-r+1} .$$

The n -fold suspension of the dual $S^n C^{-*}$ is related to the n -dual C^{n-*} by the isomorphism

$$S^n C^{-*} \rightarrow C^{n-*} ; x \mapsto (-1)^{r(r-1)/2} x \ (x \in C^{n-r}) .$$

In particular, C^{0-*} is isomorphic to (but not identical to) C^{-*} .

A *chain map up to sign* between A -module chain complexes

$$f : C \rightarrow D$$

is a collection of A -module morphisms

$$\{f \in \text{Hom}_A(C_r, D_r) \mid r \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

such that

$$d_D f = \pm f d_C : C_r \rightarrow D_{r-1} \ (r \in \mathbb{Z}) .$$

If the sign is always $+$ this is just a *chain map* $f : C \rightarrow D$, as usual.

Given A -module chain complexes C, D let $C^t \otimes_A D$, $\text{Hom}_A(C, D)$ be the \mathbb{Z} -module chain complexes defined by

$$\begin{aligned} (C^t \otimes_A D)_n &= \sum_{p+q=n} C_p \otimes_A D_q , \\ d_{C^t \otimes_A D}(x \otimes y) &= x \otimes d_D(y) + (-1)^q d_C(x) \otimes y , \\ \text{Hom}_A(C, D)_n &= \sum_{q-p=n} \text{Hom}_A(C_p, D_q) , \\ d_{\text{Hom}_A(C, D)}(f)(x) &= d_D(f(x)) + (-1)^q f(d_C(x)) . \end{aligned}$$

A cycle $f \in \text{Hom}_A(C, D)_n$ is a chain map up to sign $f : S^n C \rightarrow D$, and

$$H_n(\text{Hom}_A(C, D)) = H_0(\text{Hom}_A(S^n C, D))$$

is the \mathbb{Z} -module of chain homotopy classes of chain maps $S^n C \rightarrow D$.

For finite-dimensional C the *slant isomorphism* of \mathbb{Z} -module chain complexes

$$C^t \otimes_A D \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(C^{-*}, D) ; x \otimes y \mapsto (f \mapsto \overline{f(x)} \cdot y)$$

will be used to identify

$$C^t \otimes_A D = \text{Hom}_A(C^{-*}, D) .$$

A cycle

$$f \in (C^t \otimes_A D)_n = \text{Hom}_A(C^{-*}, D)_n$$

is a chain map $f : C^{n-*} \rightarrow D$. Thus

$$H_n(C^t \otimes_A D) = H_n(\text{Hom}_A(C^{-*}, D)) = H_0(\text{Hom}_A(C^{n-*}, D))$$

is the \mathbb{Z} -module of chain homotopy classes of chain maps $C^{n-*} \rightarrow D$.

The *algebraic mapping cone* $C(f)$ of an A -module chain map $f : C \rightarrow D$ is the A -module chain complex defined as usual by

$$d_{C(f)} = \begin{pmatrix} d_D & (-1)^{r-1}f \\ 0 & d_C \end{pmatrix} : C(f)_r = D_r \oplus C_{r-1} \rightarrow C(f)_{r-1} = D_{r-1} \oplus C_{r-2} .$$

The relative homology A -modules

$$H_n(f) = H_n(C(f))$$

are such that there is defined an exact sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_n(C) \xrightarrow{f_*} H_n(D) \rightarrow H_n(f) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(C) \rightarrow \cdots .$$

Let $C(\Delta^n)$ denote the cellular chain complex of the standard n -simplex Δ^n with the standard cell structure consisting of $\binom{n+1}{r+1}$ r -cells ($0 \leq r \leq n$).

Given a \mathbb{Z} -module chain complex C let $K(C)$ denote the simplicial \mathbb{Z} -module defined by the Dold-Kan construction, with one n -simplex for each chain map $C(\Delta^n) \rightarrow C$ and the evident face and degeneracy maps d_i, s_i , such that

$$\pi_n(K(C)) = H_n(C) \quad (n \geq 0) .$$

Given a chain $y \in C_n$ and cycles $x_i \in \ker(d : C_{n-1} \rightarrow C_{n-2})$ ($0 \leq i \leq n$) such that

$$dy = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i x_i \in C_{n-1}$$

let $(y; x_0, \dots, x_n)$ denote the n -simplex of $K(C)$ defined by the chain map

$$f : C(\Delta^n) \rightarrow C$$

with

$$f : C(\Delta^n)_n = \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow C_n ; 1 \mapsto y ,$$

$$d_i f : C(\Delta^{n-1})_{n-1} = \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow C_{n-1} ; 1 \mapsto x_i \quad (0 \leq i \leq n) .$$

The chain $x \in C_n$ is identified with the n -simplex $(x; dx, 0, \dots, 0) \in K(C)^{(n)}$.

Given \mathbb{Z} -module chain complexes C, D and a simplicial map

$$f : K(C) \rightarrow K(D)$$

(which need not preserve the \mathbb{Z} -module structure) there is defined a function

$$f : C_n \rightarrow D_n ; x \mapsto f(x) = f(x; dx, 0, \dots, 0)$$

such that

$$df(x) = f(dx) \in D_{n-1} \quad (x \in C_n) .$$

In general, $f : C_n \rightarrow D_n$ is only additive on the level of homology, with

$$f(x + x') - f(x) - f(x') = d[x, x']_f \in D_n \quad (x, x' \in \ker(d : C_n \rightarrow C_{n-1}))$$

where the function

$$[\ , \]_f : \ker(d : C_n \rightarrow C_{n-1}) \times \ker(d : C_n \rightarrow C_{n-1}) \rightarrow D_{n+1}$$

is defined by

$$[x, x']_f = f(0; x + x', x, -x', 0, \dots, 0) - f(0; x, x, 0, \dots, 0) - f(0; x', 0, -x', 0, \dots, 0) .$$

The induced functions

$$f_* : H_n(C) \rightarrow H_n(D) ; x \mapsto f(x)$$

are thus morphisms of abelian groups, which fit into an exact sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_{n+1}(f) \rightarrow H_n(C) \xrightarrow{f_*} H_n(D) \rightarrow H_n(f) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(C) \rightarrow \cdots ,$$

with the relative group $H_n(f)$ ($= \pi_n(f)$) the set of equivalence classes of pairs $(x, y) \in C_n \times D_{n+1}$ such that

$$dx = 0 \in C_{n-1} , f(x) = dy \in D_n ,$$

subject to the equivalence relation

$$(x, y) \sim (x', y') \text{ if there exist } (u, v) \in C_{n+1} \times D_{n+2} \text{ such that}$$

$$x - x' = du \in C_n , y - y' = f(u; x, x', 0, \dots, 0) + dv \in D_{n+1} ,$$

and addition by

$$(x, y) + (x', y') = (x + x', y + y' + [x, x']_f) \in H_n(f) .$$

If $f : K(C) \rightarrow K(D)$ does preserve the \mathbb{Z} -module structure (so that $[\ , \]_f = 0$) then f is essentially just a chain map $f : C \rightarrow D$, and the relative homology groups $H_*(f)$ are just the homology groups $H_*(C(f))$ of the algebraic mapping cone $C(f)$, as usual.

§3. Symmetric, quadratic and hyperquadratic structures

$$\text{An } n\text{-dimensional} \begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \\ \text{hyperquadratic} \end{cases} \text{ structure on an } A\text{-module chain complex}$$

$$C \text{ is a cycle representing an element of the } \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}_2\text{-hypercohomology} \\ \mathbb{Z}_2\text{-hyperhomology} \\ \text{Tate } \mathbb{Z}_2\text{-hypercohomology} \end{cases} \text{ group}$$

$$\begin{cases} H^n(\mathbb{Z}_2; C^t \otimes_A C) \\ H_n(\mathbb{Z}_2; C^t \otimes_A C) \text{ in the sense of Cartan and Eilenberg [6].} \\ \hat{H}^n(\mathbb{Z}_2; C^t \otimes_A C) \end{cases}$$

Given an A -module chain complex C let the generator $T \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ act on $C^t \otimes_A C$ by the *transposition involution*

$$T : C^t \otimes_A C \rightarrow C^t \otimes_A C ; x \otimes y \mapsto (-1)^{pq} y \otimes x \ (x \in C_p, y \in C_q) .$$

For finite-dimensional C use the slant isomorphism to identify

$$C^t \otimes_A C = \text{Hom}_A(C^{-*}, C) .$$

Under this identification the transposition involution corresponds to the duality involution on $\text{Hom}_A(C^{-*}, C)$

$$T : \text{Hom}_A(C^{-*}, C) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(C^{-*}, C) ; \phi \mapsto (-1)^{pq} \phi^* \ (\phi \in \text{Hom}_A(C^p, C_q)) .$$

A cycle $\phi \in \text{Hom}_A(C^{-*}, C)_n = (C^t \otimes_A C)_n$ is a chain map $\phi : C^{n-*} \rightarrow C$, and $H_n(\text{Hom}_A(C^{-*}, C))$ is the \mathbb{Z} -module of chain homotopy classes of A -module chain maps $C^{n-*} \rightarrow C$. Let W be the standard free $\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2]$ -module resolution of \mathbb{Z}

$$W : \cdots \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2] \xrightarrow{1-T} \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2] \xrightarrow{1+T} \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2] \xrightarrow{1-T} \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2] \rightarrow 0$$

and let \widehat{W} be the complete resolution

$$\widehat{W} : \cdots \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2] \xrightarrow{1-T} \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2] \xrightarrow{1+T} \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2] \xrightarrow{1-T} \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2] \rightarrow \cdots$$

The $\begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}_2\text{-hypercohomology} \\ \mathbb{Z}_2\text{-hyperhomology} \\ \text{Tate } \mathbb{Z}_2\text{-hypercohomology} \end{cases}$ groups of a $\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2]$ -module chain complex C are defined by

$$\begin{cases} H^n(\mathbb{Z}_2; C) = H_n(\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2]}(W, C)) \\ H_n(\mathbb{Z}_2; C) = H_n(W \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2]} C) \\ \widehat{H}^n(\mathbb{Z}_2; C) = H_n(\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2]}(\widehat{W}, C)) \end{cases}$$

The evident short exact sequence of $\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2]$ -module chain complexes

$$0 \rightarrow SW^{-*} \rightarrow \widehat{W} \rightarrow W \rightarrow 0$$

induces a long exact sequence of abelian groups

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_n(\mathbb{Z}_2; C) \xrightarrow{1+T} H^n(\mathbb{Z}_2; C) \xrightarrow{J} \widehat{H}^n(\mathbb{Z}_2; C) \xrightarrow{H} H_{n-1}(\mathbb{Z}_2; C) \rightarrow \cdots$$

An element $\begin{cases} \phi \in H^n(\mathbb{Z}_2; C) \\ \psi \in H_n(\mathbb{Z}_2; C) \\ \theta \in \widehat{H}^n(\mathbb{Z}_2; C) \end{cases}$ is represented by an n -cycle of $\begin{cases} \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2]}(W, C) \\ W \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2]} C \\ \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2]}(\widehat{W}, C) \end{cases}$

which is just a collection of chains of C $\begin{cases} \{\phi_s \in C_{n+s} \mid s \geq 0\} \\ \{\psi_s \in C_{n-s} \mid s \geq 0\} \\ \{\theta_s \in C_{n+s} \mid s \in \mathbb{Z}\} \end{cases}$ such that

$$\begin{cases} d_C(\phi_s) + (-1)^{n+s-1}(\phi_{s-1} + (-1)^s T \phi_{s-1}) = 0 \in C_{n+s-1} \ (s \geq 0, \phi_{-1} = 0) \\ d_C(\psi_s) + (-1)^{n-s-1}(\psi_{s+1} + (-1)^{s+1} T \psi_{s+1}) = 0 \in C_{n-s-1} \ (s \geq 0) \\ d_C(\theta_s) + (-1)^{n+s-1}(\theta_{s-1} + (-1)^s T \theta_{s-1}) = 0 \in C_{n+s-1} \ (s \in \mathbb{Z}) \end{cases}$$

with

$$1+T : H_n(\mathbb{Z}_2; C) \rightarrow H^n(\mathbb{Z}_2; C) ;$$

$$\psi = \{\psi_s \mid s \geq 0\} \mapsto \{(1+T)\psi_s = \begin{cases} (1+T)\psi_0 & \text{if } s=0 \\ 0 & \text{if } s \geq 1 \end{cases}\} ,$$

$$J : H^n(\mathbb{Z}_2; C) \rightarrow \widehat{H}^n(\mathbb{Z}_2; C) ;$$

$$\phi = \{\phi_s \mid s \geq 0\} \mapsto \{J\phi_s = \begin{cases} \phi_s & \text{if } s \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } s \leq -1 \end{cases}\} ,$$

$$H : \widehat{H}^n(\mathbb{Z}_2; C) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(\mathbb{Z}_2; C) ;$$

$$\theta = \{\theta_s \mid s \in \mathbb{Z}\} \mapsto H\theta = \{H\theta_s = \theta_{-s-1} \mid s \geq 0\} .$$

Given an A -module chain complex C use the action of $T \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ on $C^t \otimes_A C$ by the transposition involution to define the \mathbb{Z} -module chain complex

$$\begin{aligned} W^\% C &= \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2]}(W, C^t \otimes_A C) \\ W_\% C &= W \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2]} (C^t \otimes_A C) \\ \widehat{W}^\% C &= \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2]}(\widehat{W}, C^t \otimes_A C) . \end{aligned}$$

We shall be mainly concerned with finite-dimensional C , using the slant isomorphism to identify

$$C^t \otimes_A C = \text{Hom}_A(C^{-*}, C)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} W^\% C &= \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2]}(W, \text{Hom}_A(C^{-*}, C)) \\ W_\% C &= W \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2]} \text{Hom}_A(C^{-*}, C) \\ \widehat{W}^\% C &= \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2]}(\widehat{W}, \text{Hom}_A(C^{-*}, C)) . \end{aligned}$$

An n -dimensional $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \\ \text{hyperquadratic} \end{array} \right.$ structure on a finite-dimensional A -module

chain complex C is a cycle $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi \in (W^\% C)_n \\ \psi \in (W_\% C)_n \\ \theta \in (\widehat{W}^\% C)_n \end{array} \right.$ which is just a collection of A -module morphisms

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{\phi_s \in \text{Hom}_A(C^{n-r+s}, C_r) \mid r \in \mathbb{Z}, s \geq 0\} \\ \{\psi_s \in \text{Hom}_A(C^{n-r-s}, C_r) \mid r \in \mathbb{Z}, s \geq 0\} \\ \{\theta_s \in \text{Hom}_A(C^{n-r+s}, C_r) \mid r \in \mathbb{Z}, s \in \mathbb{Z}\} \end{array} \right.$$

such that

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} d\phi_s + (-1)^r \phi_s d^* + (-1)^{n+s-1} (\phi_{s-1} + (-1)^s T \phi_{s-1}) = 0 \\ \quad \quad \quad : C^{n-r+s-1} \rightarrow C_r \ (s \geq 0, \phi_{-1} = 0) \\ d\psi_s + (-1)^r \psi_s d^* + (-1)^{n-s-1} (\psi_{s+1} + (-1)^{s+1} T \psi_{s+1}) = 0 \\ \quad \quad \quad : C^{n-r-s-1} \rightarrow C_r \ (s \geq 0) \\ d\theta_s + (-1)^r \theta_s d^* + (-1)^{n+s-1} (\theta_{s-1} + (-1)^s T \theta_{s-1}) = 0 \\ \quad \quad \quad : C^{n-r+s-1} \rightarrow C_r \ (s \in \mathbb{Z}) . \end{array} \right.$$

An equivalence $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \xi : \phi \rightarrow \phi' \\ \chi : \psi \rightarrow \psi' \\ \nu : \theta \rightarrow \theta' \end{array} \right.$ of n -dimensional $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \\ \text{hyperquadratic} \end{array} \right.$ structures

on C is a chain $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \xi \in (W^\% C)_{n+1} \\ \chi \in (W_\% C)_{n+1} \\ \nu \in (\widehat{W}^\% C)_{n+1} \end{array} \right.$ such that

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi' - \phi = d(\xi) \in (W^\% C)_n \\ \psi' - \psi = d(\chi) \in (W_\% C)_n \\ \theta' - \theta = d(\nu) \in (\widehat{W}^\% C)_n . \end{array} \right.$$

The n -dimensional $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \\ \text{hyperquadratic} \end{cases}$ structure group $\begin{cases} Q^n(C) \\ Q_n(C) \\ \widehat{Q}^n(C) \end{cases}$ of a chain complex

C is the abelian group of equivalence classes of n -dimensional $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \\ \text{hyperquadratic} \end{cases}$ structures on C , that is

$$\begin{cases} Q^n(C) = H^n(\mathbb{Z}_2; C^t \otimes_A C) = H_n(W^\% C) \\ Q_n(C) = H_n(\mathbb{Z}_2; C^t \otimes_A C) = H_n(W_\% C) \\ \widehat{Q}^n(C) = \widehat{H}^n(\mathbb{Z}_2; C^t \otimes_A C) = H_n(\widehat{W}^\% C) . \end{cases}$$

The Q -groups are related by a long exact sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow Q_n(C) \xrightarrow{1+T} Q^n(C) \xrightarrow{J} \widehat{Q}^n(C) \xrightarrow{H} Q_{n-1}(C) \rightarrow \cdots$$

involving the morphisms induced in homology by the \mathbb{Z} -module chain maps

$$1 + T : W_\% C \rightarrow W^\% C , \quad J : W^\% C \rightarrow \widehat{W}^\% C , \quad H : \widehat{W}^\% C \rightarrow S(W_\% C)$$

defined by

$$1 + T : (W_\% C)_n \rightarrow (W^\% C)_n ;$$

$$\{\psi_s \in (C^t \otimes_A C)_{n-s} \mid s \geq 0\} \mapsto \{((1+T)\psi)_s = \begin{cases} (1+T)\psi_0 & \text{if } s = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } s \geq 1 \end{cases}\} ,$$

$$J : (W^\% C)_n \rightarrow (\widehat{W}^\% C)_n ;$$

$$\{\phi_s \in (C^t \otimes_A C)_{n+s} \mid s \geq 0\} \mapsto \{(J\phi)_s = \begin{cases} \phi_s & \text{if } s \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } s \leq -1 \end{cases}\} ,$$

$$H : (\widehat{W}^\% C)_n \rightarrow (W_\% C)_{n-1} ;$$

$$\{\theta_s \in (C^t \otimes_A C)_{n+s} \mid s \in \mathbb{Z}\} \mapsto \{(H\theta)_s = \theta_{-s-1} \mid s \geq 0\} .$$

An n -dimensional symmetric structure $\phi \in (W^\% C)_n$ is equivalent to the symmetrization $(1+T)\psi$ of an n -dimensional quadratic structure $\psi \in (W_\% C)_n$ if and only if the n -dimensional hyperquadratic structure $J(\phi) \in (\widehat{W}^\% C)_n$ is equivalent to 0. An A -module chain map $f : C \rightarrow D$ induces a $\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2]$ -module chain map

$$f^t \otimes_A f : C^t \otimes_A C \rightarrow D^t \otimes_A D ; \quad x \otimes y \mapsto f(x) \otimes f(y)$$

and hence \mathbb{Z} -module chain maps

$$f^\% : W^\% C \rightarrow W^\% D ,$$

$$f_\% : W_\% C \rightarrow W_\% D ,$$

$$\widehat{f}^\% : \widehat{W}^\% C \rightarrow \widehat{W}^\% D .$$

An A -module chain homotopy

$$g : f \simeq f' : C \rightarrow D$$

determines \mathbb{Z} -module chain homotopies

$$\begin{aligned} (g; f, f')^\% &: f^\% \simeq f'^\% : W^\% C \rightarrow W^\% D \\ (g; f, f')_\% &: f_\% \simeq f'_\% : W_\% C \rightarrow W_\% D \\ (\widehat{g; f, f'})^\% &: \widehat{f}^\% \simeq \widehat{f'}^\% : \widehat{W}^\% C \rightarrow \widehat{W}^\% D \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} (g; f, f')^\% : (W^\% C)_n &= \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} (C^t \otimes_A C)_{n+s} \\ &\rightarrow (W^\% D)_{n+1} = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_q D_{n-q+s+1}^t \otimes_A D_q ; \\ \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \phi_s &\mapsto \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} ((f^t \otimes_A g + g^t \otimes_A f')(\phi_s) + (-1)^{q+s-1} (g^t \otimes_A g)(T\phi_{s-1})) \end{aligned}$$

and similarly for $(g; f, f')_\%$, $(\widehat{g; f, f'})^\%$. Thus the induced morphisms in the Q -groups

$$\begin{aligned} f^\% &: Q^n(C) \rightarrow Q^n(D) \\ f_\% &: Q_n(C) \rightarrow Q_n(D) \\ \widehat{f}^\% &: \widehat{Q}^n(C) \rightarrow \widehat{Q}^n(D) \end{aligned}$$

depend only on the chain homotopy class of f , and are isomorphisms if f is a chain equivalence. For finite-dimensional C, D the slant isomorphisms are used to identify $f^t \otimes_A f : C^t \otimes_A C \rightarrow D^t \otimes_A D$ with

$$\mathrm{Hom}_A(f^*, f) : \mathrm{Hom}_A(C^{-*}, C) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_A(D^*, D) ; \theta \mapsto f\theta f^* ,$$

and similarly for $f^\%, f_\%, \widehat{f}^\%$ and $(g; f, f')^\%, (g; f, f')_\%, (\widehat{g; f, f'})^\%$.

Although all the Q -groups are chain homotopy invariant, only the hyperquadratic Q -groups $\widehat{Q}^*(C)$ are additive. The sum of A -module chain maps $f, g : C \rightarrow D$ is an A -module chain map $f + g : C \rightarrow D$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} (f + g)^\% - f^\% - g^\% &: Q^n(C) \rightarrow H_n(C^t \otimes_A C) \xrightarrow{f^t \otimes_A g} H_n(D^t \otimes_A D) \rightarrow Q^n(D) , \\ (f + g)_\% - f_\% - g_\% &: Q_n(C) \rightarrow H_n(C^t \otimes_A C) \xrightarrow{f^t \otimes_A g} H_n(D^t \otimes_A D) \rightarrow Q_n(D) , \\ (\widehat{f + g})^\% - \widehat{f}^\% - \widehat{g}^\% &= 0 : \widehat{Q}^n(C) \rightarrow \widehat{Q}^n(D) \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} Q^n(C) &\rightarrow H_n(C^t \otimes_A C) ; \phi = \{\phi_s \mid s \geq 0\} \mapsto \phi_0 , \\ Q_n(C) &\rightarrow H_n(C^t \otimes_A C) ; \psi = \{\psi_s \mid s \geq 0\} \mapsto (1 + T)\psi_0 , \\ H_n(D^t \otimes_A D) &\rightarrow Q^n(D) ; \theta \mapsto \{\phi_s = \begin{cases} (1 + T)\theta & \text{if } s = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } s \geq 1 \end{cases}\} , \\ H_n(D^t \otimes_A D) &\rightarrow Q_n(D) ; \theta \mapsto \{\psi_s = \begin{cases} \theta & \text{if } s = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } s \geq 1 \end{cases}\} . \end{aligned}$$

Given a finite-dimensional A -module chain complex C and $n \geq 0$ define the n -fold suspension chain isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} S^n &: S^n(\widehat{W}^\% C) \rightarrow \widehat{W}^\% (S^n C) ; \\ \theta &= \{ \theta_s \in \text{Hom}_A(C^r, C_{m-r+s}) \mid s \in \mathbb{Z} \} \\ \mapsto S^n \theta &= \{ (S^n \theta)_s = \theta_{s-n} \in \text{Hom}_A(C^r, C_{m-n+r+s}) \mid s \in \mathbb{Z} \} . \end{aligned}$$

For any (finite-dimensional) A -module chain complexes C, D there is defined a simplicial map

$$I : K(\text{Hom}_A(C, D)) \rightarrow K(\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\widehat{W}^\% C, \widehat{W}^\% D))$$

sending a cycle $f \in \text{Hom}_A(C, D)_n$ (= a chain map up to sign $f : S^n C \rightarrow D$) to the \mathbb{Z} -module chain map up to sign

$$I(f) = \widehat{f}^\% S^n : S^n(\widehat{W}^\% C) \xrightarrow{S^n} \widehat{W}^\% S^n C \xrightarrow{\widehat{f}^\%} \widehat{W}^\% D .$$

An n -simplex $(g; f, f', 0, \dots, 0) \in K(\text{Hom}_A(C, D))^{(n)}$ (= an A -module chain homotopy up to sign $g : f \simeq f' : S^n C \rightarrow D$) is sent to the \mathbb{Z} -module chain homotopy up to sign

$$I(g; f, f') = (g; f, f')^\% S^n : I(f) \simeq I(f') : S^n(\widehat{W}^\% C) \rightarrow \widehat{W}^\% D .$$

The failure of I to be linear on chain maps up to sign $f : S^n C \rightarrow D$ is given by the chain homotopy up to sign

$$[f, f'] : (\widehat{f + f'})^\% \simeq \widehat{f}^\% + \widehat{f'}^\% : \widehat{W}^\% (S^n C) \rightarrow \widehat{W}^\% D$$

defined by

$$\begin{aligned} [f, f'] &: (S^n \widehat{W}^\% C)_m \rightarrow (\widehat{W}^\% D)_{m+n+1} ; \\ \theta &= \{ \theta_s \in \text{Hom}_A(C^r, C_{m-r+s}) \mid s \in \mathbb{Z} \} \\ \mapsto [f, f'] \theta &= \{ T^{n+1} f \theta_{s-n+1} f'^* \in \text{Hom}_A(D^r, D_{m-n+r+s+1}) \mid s \in \mathbb{Z} \} . \end{aligned}$$

§4. Algebraic Wu classes

The algebraic Wu classes are the fundamental invariants of a duality structure on a chain complex C , which are obtained by an algebraic analogue of the Steenrod squares in the cohomology groups of a topological space. In the topological applications the algebraic Wu classes are closely related to the topological Wu classes, as explained in Ranicki [15].

Let $S^r A$ ($r \in \mathbb{Z}$) denote the A -module chain complex

$$S^r A : \dots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots$$

concentrated in degree r . For any A -module chain complex C there are defined natural isomorphisms

$$H_0(\text{Hom}_A(C, S^r A)) \rightarrow H^r(C) ; (f : C_r \rightarrow A) \mapsto f^*(1) .$$

An element $f \in H^r(C)$ is just a chain homotopy class of chain maps $f : C \rightarrow S^r A$. The Wu classes of a quadratic structure on C are the invariants of the equivalence class defined by sending an element $f \in H^r(C)$ to the induced equivalence class

of quadratic structures on $S^r A$. The quadratic structure groups of the elementary complexes $S^r A$ are identified with subquotients of the ground ring A .

An A -group M is an abelian group together with an A -action

$$A \times M \rightarrow M ; (a, x) \rightarrow ax$$

such that

$$a(x + y) = ax + ay, \quad a(bx) = (ab)x, \quad 1x = x \quad (x, y \in M, a, b \in A).$$

An A -module is an A -group M such that also

$$(a + b)x = ax + bx \in M.$$

An A -morphism of A -groups is a morphism of abelian groups

$$f : M \rightarrow N$$

such that

$$f(ax) = af(x) \in N \quad (x \in M, a \in A).$$

The set of A -group morphisms $f : M \rightarrow N$ defines an abelian group $\text{Hom}_A(M, N)$, with addition by

$$(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x) \in N.$$

For A -modules M, N the A -morphisms $f : M \rightarrow N$ coincide with A -module morphisms.

For $\epsilon = \pm 1$ let the generator $T \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ act on A by the ϵ -involution

$$T_\epsilon : A \rightarrow A ; a \mapsto \epsilon \bar{a}.$$

Define the $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{Z}_2\text{-cohomology} \\ \mathbb{Z}_2\text{-homology} \\ \text{Tate } \mathbb{Z}_2\text{-cohomology} \end{array} \right. A\text{-groups} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} H^*(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon) \\ H_*(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon) \\ \widehat{H}^*(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon) \end{array} \right.$ by

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H^r(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon) = \begin{cases} \ker(1 - T_\epsilon : A \rightarrow A) & \text{if } r = 0 \\ \widehat{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon) & \text{if } r \geq 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } r < 0 \end{cases} \\ H_r(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon) = \begin{cases} \text{coker}(1 - T_\epsilon : A \rightarrow A) & \text{if } r = 0 \\ \widehat{H}^{r+1}(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon) & \text{if } r \geq 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } r < 0 \end{cases} \\ \widehat{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon) = \ker(1 - (-1)^r T_\epsilon : A \rightarrow A) / \text{im}(1 + (-1)^r T_\epsilon : A \rightarrow A) \quad (r \in \mathbb{Z}). \end{array} \right.$$

The A -action

$$A \times \widehat{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon) \rightarrow \widehat{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon) ; (a, x) \mapsto ax\bar{a}$$

defines an A -module structure on $\widehat{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon)$. The A -actions

$$A \times H^0(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon) \rightarrow H^0(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon) ; (a, x) \mapsto ax\bar{a}$$

$$A \times H_0(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon) \rightarrow H_0(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon) ; (a, x) \mapsto ax\bar{a}$$

are not linear in A , and so do not define A -module structures.

For $\epsilon = +1$ the groups $\begin{cases} H^*(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon) \\ H_*(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon) \\ \widehat{H}^*(\mathbb{Z}The A, \epsilon) \end{cases}$ are denoted by $\begin{cases} H^*(\mathbb{Z}_2; A) \\ H_*(\mathbb{Z}_2; A) \\ \widehat{H}^*(\mathbb{Z}_2; A). \end{cases}$

The natural \mathbb{Z} -module isomorphisms

$$Q^n(S^r A) \rightarrow H^{2r-n}(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, (-1)^r) ; \phi \mapsto \phi_{2r-n}(1)(1)$$

$$Q_n(S^r A) \rightarrow H_{n-2r}(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, (-1)^r) ; \psi \mapsto \psi_{n-2r}(1)(1)$$

$$\widehat{Q}^n(S^r A) \rightarrow \widehat{H}^{r-n}(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, (-1)^r) ; \theta \mapsto \theta_{2r-n}(1)(1)$$

will be used as identifications.

The Wu classes of a $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \\ \text{hyperquadratic} \end{cases}$ structure $\begin{cases} \phi \in (W^\% C)_n \\ \psi \in (W_\% C)_n \\ \theta \in (\widehat{W}^\% C)_n \end{cases}$ are the invariants of the equivalence class of structures defined by the A -morphisms

$$\begin{cases} v_r(\phi) : H^{n-r}(C) = H_0(\text{Hom}_A(C, S^{n-r} A)) \\ \quad \rightarrow Q^n(S^{n-r} A) = H^{n-2r}(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, (-1)^{n-r}) ; f \mapsto (f \otimes f)(\phi_{n-2r}) \\ v^r(\psi) : H^{n-r}(C) = H_0(\text{Hom}_A(C, S^{n-r} A)) \\ \quad \rightarrow Q_n(S^{n-r} A) = H_{2r-n}(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, (-1)^{n-r}) ; f \mapsto (f \otimes f)(\psi_{2r-n}) \\ \widehat{v}_r(\theta) : H^{n-r}(C) = H_0(\text{Hom}_A(C, S^{n-r} A)) \\ \quad \rightarrow \widehat{Q}^n(S^{n-r} A) = \widehat{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}_2; A) ; f \mapsto (f \otimes f)(\theta_{n-2r}) . \end{cases}$$

§5. Algebraic Poincaré complexes

An algebraic Poincaré complex is a chain complex with Poincaré duality, such as arises from a compact n -manifold or a normal map.

An n -dimensional $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{cases}$ (Poincaré) complex over A $\begin{cases} (C, \phi) \\ (C, \psi) \end{cases}$ is an n -dimensional A -module chain complex C together with an n -dimensional $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{cases}$ structure $\begin{cases} \phi \in (W^\% C) \\ \psi \in (W_\% C)_n \end{cases}$ (such that $\begin{cases} \phi_0 \\ (1+T)\psi_0 \end{cases} : C^{n-*} \rightarrow C$ is a chain equivalence).

$$\text{An } (n+1)\text{-dimensional } \begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \\ (\text{symmetric, quadratic}) \end{cases} \text{ (Poincaré) pair over } A$$

$$\left(f : C \rightarrow D , \begin{cases} (\delta\phi, \phi) \\ (\delta\psi, \psi) \\ (\delta\phi, \psi) \end{cases} \right)$$

consists of an n -dimensional A -module chain complex C , an $(n+1)$ -dimensional A -module chain complex D , a chain map $f : C \rightarrow D$ and a cycle

$$\begin{cases} (\delta\phi, \phi) \in C(f^\% : W^\% C \rightarrow W^\% D)_{n+1} = (W^\% D)_{n+1} \oplus (W^\% C)_n \\ (\delta\psi, \psi) \in C(f_\% : W_\% C \rightarrow W_\% D)_{n+1} = (W_\% D)_{n+1} \oplus (W_\% C)_n \\ (\delta\phi, \psi) \in C((1+T)f_\% : W_\% C \rightarrow W^\% D)_{n+1} = (W^\% D)_{n+1} \oplus (W_\% C)_n \end{cases}$$

(such that the A -module chain map $D^{n+1-*} \rightarrow C(f)$ defined by

$$\begin{cases} (\delta\phi, \phi)_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \delta\phi_0 \\ \phi_0 f^* \end{pmatrix} \\ (1+T)(\delta\psi, \psi)_0 = \begin{pmatrix} (1+T)\delta\psi_0 \\ (1+T)\psi_0 f^* \end{pmatrix} : D^{n+1-r} \rightarrow C(f)_r = D_r \oplus C_{r-1} \\ (\delta\phi, (1+T)\psi)_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \delta\phi_0 \\ (1+T)\psi_0 f^* \end{pmatrix} \end{cases}$$

is a chain equivalence). The *boundary* of the pair is the n -dimensional $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{cases}$
(Poincaré) complex $\begin{cases} (C, \phi) \\ (C, \psi) \\ (C, \psi). \end{cases}$

A *homotopy equivalence* of n -dimensional $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{cases}$ complexes

$$\begin{cases} (f, \chi) : (C, \phi) \rightarrow (C', \phi') \\ (f, \xi) : (C, \psi) \rightarrow (C', \psi') \end{cases}$$

is a chain equivalence $f : C \rightarrow C'$ together with an equivalence of $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{cases}$
structures on C' $\begin{cases} \chi : f^*(\phi) \rightarrow \phi' \\ \xi : f^*(\psi) \rightarrow \psi' \end{cases}$. There is a similar notion of homotopy equivalence for pairs.

An n -dimensional $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{cases}$ complex $\begin{cases} (C, \phi) \\ (C, \psi) \end{cases}$ is *connected* if

$$\begin{cases} H_0(\phi_0 : C^{n-*} \rightarrow C) = 0 \\ H_0((1+T)\psi_0 : C^{n-*} \rightarrow C) = 0 \end{cases}.$$

It was shown in Ranicki [15] that there is a natural one-one correspondence between the homotopy equivalence classes of connected n -dimensional $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{cases}$ complexes over A and the homotopy equivalence classes of n -dimensional $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{cases}$ Poincaré pairs over A . A connected n -dimensional $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{cases}$ complex $\begin{cases} (C, \phi) \\ (C, \psi) \end{cases}$ determines the n -dimensional $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{cases}$ Poincaré pair

$$(i_C : \partial C \rightarrow C^{n-*}, \begin{cases} (0, \partial\phi) \\ (0, \partial\psi) \end{cases})$$

defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
i_C &= (0 \ 1) : \partial C_r = C_{r+1} \oplus C^{n-r} \rightarrow C^{n-r}, \\
d_{\partial C} &= \begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} d_C & (-1)^r \phi_0 \\ 0 & (-1)^r d_C^* \end{pmatrix} : \\ \begin{pmatrix} d_C & (-1)^r (1+T)\psi_0 \\ 0 & (-1)^r d_C^* \end{pmatrix} : \end{cases} \\
\partial C_r &= C_{r+1} \oplus C^{n-r} \rightarrow \partial C_{r-1} = C_r \oplus C^{n-r+1}, \\
\begin{cases} \partial \phi_0 = \begin{pmatrix} (-1)^{n-r-1} T \phi_1 & (-1)^{r(n-r-1)} \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : \\ \partial \psi_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : \end{cases} \\
\partial C^{n-r-1} &= C^{n-r} \oplus C_{r+1} \rightarrow \partial C_r = C_{r+1} \oplus C^{n-r}, \\
\begin{cases} \partial \phi_s = \begin{pmatrix} (-1)^{n-r+s-1} T \phi_{s+1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : \\ \partial C^{n-r+s-1} = C^{n-r+s} \oplus C_{r-s+1} \rightarrow \partial C_r = C_{r+1} \oplus C^{n-r} \ (s \geq 1), \\ \partial \psi_s = \begin{pmatrix} (-1)^{n-r-s} T \psi_{s-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : \\ \partial C^{n-r-s-1} = C^{n-r-s} \oplus C_{r+s+1} \rightarrow \partial C_r = C_{r+1} \oplus C^{n-r} \ (s \geq 1). \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

The $(n-1)$ -dimensional $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{cases}$ Poincaré complex

$$\begin{cases} \partial(C, \phi) = (\partial C, \partial \phi) \\ \partial(C, \psi) = (\partial C, \partial \psi) \end{cases}$$

is the *boundary* of the connected n -dimensional $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{cases}$ complex $\begin{cases} (C, \phi) \\ (C, \psi) \end{cases}$.

The connected complex $\begin{cases} (C, \phi) \\ (C, \psi) \end{cases}$ is a Poincaré complex if and only if the boundary $\begin{cases} \partial(C, \phi) \\ \partial(C, \psi) \end{cases}$ is contractible (= homotopy equivalent to 0). A Poincaré complex

$\begin{cases} (C, \phi) \\ (C, \psi) \end{cases}$ is the boundary of an $(n+1)$ -dimensional $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{cases}$ Poincaré pair $\begin{cases} (f : C \rightarrow D, (\delta \phi, \phi)) \\ (f : C \rightarrow D, (\delta \psi, \psi)) \end{cases}$ if and only if it is homotopy equivalent to the boundary of a connected $(n+1)$ -dimensional $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{cases}$ complex.

The n -dimensional $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{cases}$ Poincaré complexes $\begin{cases} (C, \phi) \\ (C, \psi) \end{cases}, \begin{cases} (C', \phi') \\ (C', \psi') \end{cases}$ are *cobordant* if $\begin{cases} (C, \phi) \oplus (C', -\phi') \\ (C, \psi) \oplus (C', -\psi') \end{cases}$ is the boundary of an $(n+1)$ -dimensional $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{cases}$ Poincaré pair $\begin{cases} ((f \ f') : C \oplus C' \rightarrow D, (\delta \phi, \phi \oplus -\phi')) \\ ((f \ f') : C \oplus C' \rightarrow D, (\delta \psi, \psi \oplus -\psi')) \end{cases}$. Homotopy equivalent Poincaré complexes are cobordant.

The $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{cases}$ L -groups $\begin{cases} L^n(A) \\ L_n(A) \end{cases}$ ($n \geq 0$) are the cobordism groups of n -dimensional $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{cases}$ Poincaré complexes over A . The quadratic L -groups $L_*(A)$ are 4-periodic, with isomorphisms

$$L_n(A) \rightarrow L_{n+4}(A) ; (C, \psi) \mapsto (S^2C, \psi) \quad (n \geq 0) ,$$

and are just the surgery obstruction groups of Wall [18]. The symmetric L -groups $L^*(A)$ were introduced by Mishchenko [13]. The corresponding maps in the symmetric L -groups

$$L^n(A) \rightarrow L^{n+4}(A) ; (C, \phi) \mapsto (S^2C, \phi) \quad (n \geq 0)$$

are not isomorphisms in general. The symmetric and quadratic L -groups are related by an exact sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow L_n(A) \xrightarrow{1+T} L^n(A) \rightarrow \widehat{L}^n(A) \rightarrow L_{n-1}(A) \rightarrow \cdots$$

with

$$1 + T : L_n(A) \rightarrow L^n(A) ; (C, \psi) \mapsto (C, (1 + T)\psi)$$

and $\widehat{L}^n(A)$ the relative cobordism group of n -dimensional (symmetric, quadratic) Poincaré pairs over A . The relative L -groups $\widehat{L}^*(A)$ are 8-torsion, so that the symmetrization maps $1 + T : L_n(A) \rightarrow L^n(A)$ are isomorphisms modulo 8-torsion. If $\widehat{H}^*(\mathbb{Z}_2; A) = 0$ (e.g. if $1/2 \in A$) then $\widehat{L}^*(A) = 0$ and the symmetrization maps are isomorphisms.

The *symmetric construction* of Ranicki [15] is the natural chain map

$$\phi_X = 1 \otimes \Delta : C(X) \rightarrow W^{\%}C(\widetilde{X}) = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2]}(W, C(\widetilde{X}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[\pi]} C(\widetilde{X}))$$

induced by an Alexander-Whitney-Steenrod diagonal chain approximation Δ , for any space X and any regular cover \widetilde{X} , with π the group of covering translations. For $\widetilde{X} = X$ the mod 2 reduction of the composite

$$H_n(X) \xrightarrow{\phi_X} Q^n(C(X)) \xrightarrow{v_r} \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(H^{n-r}(X), Q^n(S^{n-r}\mathbb{Z}))$$

is given by the r th Steenrod square

$$v_r(\phi_X(x))(y) = \langle Sq^r(y), x \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}_2 .$$

The symmetric signature of Mishchenko [13] is defined for any n -dimensional geometric Poincaré complex X to be the symmetric Poincaré cobordism class

$$\sigma^*(X) = (C(\widetilde{X}), \phi_X([X])) \in L^n(\mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X)]) .$$

The symmetric L -groups of \mathbb{Z} are given by

$$L^n(\mathbb{Z}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} \text{ (signature)} & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 \text{ (deRham invariant)} & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ 0 & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ 0 & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{4} . \end{cases}$$

The *quadratic construction* of [15] associates to any stable π -equivariant map $F : \Sigma^\infty \tilde{X}_+ \rightarrow \Sigma^\infty \tilde{Y}_+$ a natural chain map

$$\psi_F : C(X) \rightarrow W_{\%}C(\tilde{Y}) = W \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_2]} (C(\tilde{Y}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[\pi]} C(\tilde{Y}))$$

such that

$$(1+T)\psi_F = F^{\%}\phi_X - \phi_Y F_* : C(X) \rightarrow W^{\%}C(\tilde{Y})$$

with \tilde{X} a regular cover of X with group of covering translations π , $\tilde{X}_+ = \tilde{X} \cup \{\text{pt.}\}$, and similarly for Y . For $\tilde{X} = X$, $\tilde{Y} = Y$, $\pi = \{1\}$ the mod 2 reduction of the composite

$$H_n(X) \xrightarrow{\psi_F} Q_n(C(Y)) \xrightarrow{v^r} \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(H^{n-r}(Y), Q_n(S^{n-r}\mathbb{Z}))$$

is given by the $(r+1)$ th functional Steenrod square

$$v^r(\psi_F(x))(y) = \langle Sq_{(\Sigma^\infty y)_F}^{r+1}(\Sigma^\infty \iota), \Sigma^\infty x \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}_2$$

with $\iota \in H^{n-r}(K(\mathbb{Z}_2, n-r); \mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2$ the generator.

The Wall [18] surgery obstruction of an n -dimensional normal map $(f, b) : M \rightarrow X$ was expressed in [15] as the quadratic Poincaré cobordism class

$$\sigma_*(f, b) = (C(f^!), e_{\%}\psi_F([X])) \in L_n(\mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X)])$$

with $F : \Sigma^\infty \tilde{X}_+ \rightarrow \Sigma^\infty \tilde{M}_+$ a $\pi_1(X)$ -equivariant S -dual of $T(\tilde{b}) : T(\nu_{\tilde{M}}) \rightarrow T(\nu_{\tilde{X}})$ inducing the Umkehr chain map

$$f^! : C(\tilde{X}) \simeq C(\tilde{X})^{n-*} \xrightarrow{f^*} C(\tilde{M})^{n-*} \simeq C(\tilde{M})$$

and $e : C(\tilde{M}) \rightarrow C(f^!)$ the inclusion in the algebraic mapping cone. The quadratic L -groups of \mathbb{Z} are given by

$$L_n(\mathbb{Z}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} \text{ (signature/8)} & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ 0 & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 \text{ (Arf invariant)} & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ 0 & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases}.$$

§6. Chain bundles

A *bundle* over a finite-dimensional A -module chain complex C is a 0-dimensional hyperquadratic structure on C^{0-*} , that is a cycle

$$\gamma \in (\widehat{W}^{\%}C^{0-*})_0,$$

as defined by a collection of A -module morphisms

$$\{\gamma_s \in \text{Hom}_A(C_{r-s}, C^{-r}) \mid r, s \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

such that

$$(-1)^{r+1}d_C^*\gamma_s + (-1)^s\gamma_s d_C + (-1)^{s-1}(\gamma_{s-1} + (-1)^s T\gamma_{s-1}) = 0 : C_{r-s+1} \rightarrow C^{-r}.$$

An *equivalence* of bundles over C

$$\chi : \gamma \rightarrow \gamma'$$

is an equivalence of hyperquadratic structures, as defined by a collection of A -module morphisms

$$\{\chi_s \in \text{Hom}_A(C_{r-s-1}, C^{-r}) \mid r, s \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

such that

$$\gamma'_s - \gamma_s = (-1)^{r+1} d_C^* \chi_s + (-1)^s \chi_s d_C + (-1)^s (\chi_{s-1} + (-1)^s T \chi_{s-1}) : C_{r-s} \rightarrow C^{-r}.$$

Thus

$$\widehat{Q}^0(C^{0-*}) = H_0(\widehat{W}^{\%} C^{0-*})$$

is the abelian group of equivalence classes of bundles over C .

A *chain bundle* over A (C, γ) is a finite-dimensional A -module chain complex C together with a bundle $\gamma \in (\widehat{W}^{\%} C^{0-*})_0$.

Given a chain bundle (C, γ) over A and an A -module chain map $f : B \rightarrow C$ define the *pullback* chain bundle $(B, f^* \gamma)$ using the image of γ under the \mathbb{Z} -module chain map

$$\widehat{f}^* : \widehat{W}^{\%} C^{0-*} \rightarrow \widehat{W}^{\%} B^{0-*}$$

induced by the dual A -module chain map $f^* : C^{0-*} \rightarrow B^{0-*}$. The equivalence class of the pullback bundle $f^* \gamma$ depends only on the chain homotopy class of the chain map f , by the chain homotopy invariance of the Q -groups.

A *map* of chain bundles over A

$$(f, \chi) : (C, \gamma) \rightarrow (C', \gamma')$$

is a chain map $f : C \rightarrow C'$ together with an equivalence of bundles over C

$$\chi : \gamma \rightarrow f^* \gamma'.$$

The *composite* of chain bundle maps

$$(f, \chi) : (C, \gamma) \rightarrow (C', \gamma'), (f', \chi') : (C', \gamma') \rightarrow (C'', \gamma'')$$

is the chain bundle map

$$(f', \chi')(f, \chi) = (f' f, \chi + \widehat{f'^*}^{\%}(\chi')) : (C, \gamma) \rightarrow (C'', \gamma'').$$

A *homotopy of chain bundle maps*

$$(g, \eta) : (f, \chi) \simeq (f', \chi') : (C, \gamma) \rightarrow (C', \gamma')$$

is a chain homotopy

$$g : f \simeq f' : C \rightarrow C'$$

together with an equivalence of 1-dimensional hyperquadratic structures on C^{0-*}

$$\eta : \chi - \chi' + (g^*; f^*, f'^*)^{\%}(\gamma') \rightarrow 0.$$

A map of chain bundles $(f, \chi) : (C, \gamma) \rightarrow (C', \gamma')$ is an *equivalence* if there exists a homotopy inverse. This happens precisely when $f : C \rightarrow C'$ is a chain equivalence, in which case any chain homotopy inverse

$$f' = f^{-1} : C' \rightarrow C$$

can be used to define a homotopy inverse

$$(f', \chi') : (C', \gamma') \rightarrow (C, \gamma).$$

Given a chain bundle (B, β) over A and a finite-dimensional A -module chain complex C use the pullback construction to define abelian group morphisms

$$I_\beta : H_n(B^t \otimes_A C) \rightarrow \widehat{Q}^n(C) ; f \mapsto \widehat{f}^\% (S^n \beta) ,$$

using the slant isomorphism

$$B^t \otimes_A C \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(B^{-*}, C) ; x \otimes y \mapsto (f \mapsto \overline{f(x)} \cdot y)$$

to identify a cycle $f \in (B^t \otimes_A C)_n$ with a chain map $f : B^{n-*} \rightarrow C$. Weiss [19] developed an algebraic analogue of the representation theorem of Brown [3] to obtain for any ring with involution A the existence of a directed system $\{(B(r), \beta(r)) \mid r \geq 0\}$ of chain bundles over A and chain bundle maps

$$(B(r), \beta(r)) \rightarrow (B(r+1), \beta(r+1))$$

such that the abelian group morphisms

$$\varinjlim_r I_{\beta_r} : \varinjlim_r H_n(B(r)^t \otimes_A C) \rightarrow \widehat{Q}^n(C)$$

are isomorphisms for any finite-dimensional A -module chain complex C . In general, the direct limit A -module chain complex

$$B(\infty) = \varinjlim_r B(r)$$

is not finite-dimensional. As in [19] we shall ignore this inconvenience and treat $B(\infty)$ as if it were finite-dimensional, so that there is defined the *universal chain bundle* over A

$$(B(\infty), \beta(\infty)) = \varinjlim_r (B(r), \beta(r)) ,$$

with the universal property that for any finite-dimensional A -module chain complex C the abelian group morphisms

$$I_{\beta(\infty)} : H_n(B(\infty)^t \otimes_A C) \rightarrow \widehat{Q}^n(C)$$

are isomorphisms. In particular, there are defined isomorphisms

$$H_0(\text{Hom}_A(C, B(\infty))) \rightarrow \widehat{Q}^0(C^{0-*}) ; f \mapsto f^*(\beta(\infty))$$

for any finite-dimensional C . Thus every chain bundle (C, γ) has a classifying map

$$(f, \chi) : (C, \gamma) \rightarrow (B(\infty), \beta(\infty))$$

and the equivalence classes of bundles $\gamma \in (\widehat{W}^\% C^{0-*})_0$ over C are in one-one correspondence with the chain homotopy classes of chain maps $f : C \rightarrow B(\infty)$.

The *Wu classes* of a chain bundle (C, γ) are the Wu classes of γ , the A -module morphisms

$$\widehat{v}_r(\gamma) : H_r(C) \rightarrow \widehat{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}_2; A) ; x \mapsto \langle \gamma_{-2r}, x \otimes x \rangle .$$

The universal chain bundle $(B(\infty), \beta(\infty))$ is characterized by the property that the Wu classes define A -module isomorphisms

$$\widehat{v}_r(\gamma) : H_r(C) \rightarrow \widehat{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}_2; A) \ (r \geq 0) .$$

For example, if $A = \mathbb{Z}$ the chain bundle $(B(\infty), \beta(\infty))$ defined by

$$\begin{aligned} d_{B(\infty)} &= \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } r \text{ is odd} \\ 0 & \text{if } r \text{ is even} \end{cases} : B(\infty)_r = \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow B(\infty)_{r-1} = \mathbb{Z}, \\ \beta(\infty)_s &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 2r = s \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} : B(\infty)_{r-s} = \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow B(\infty)^{-r} = \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

is universal, with the Wu classes defining isomorphisms

$$\widehat{v}_r(\beta(\infty)) : H_r(B(\infty)) \rightarrow \widehat{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}_2; \mathbb{Z}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}_2 & \text{if } r \text{ is even} \\ 0 & \text{if } r \text{ is odd} \end{cases}.$$

The symmetric and quadratic constructions of Ranicki [15] were extended in Weiss [19] and Ranicki [16, 2.5]: a spherical fibration $\nu : X \rightarrow BG(k)$ determines a chain bundle $(C(\tilde{X}), \gamma)$ over $\mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X)]$, and there is defined a natural transformation of exact sequences from the certain exact sequence of Whitehead [20]

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \cdots & \longrightarrow & \Gamma_{n+k+1}(T(\nu)) & \longrightarrow & \pi_{n+k}(T(\nu)) & \xrightarrow{h} & \dot{H}_{n+k}(T(\nu)) \longrightarrow \Gamma_{n+k}(T(\nu)) \longrightarrow \cdots \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \phi_X U \\ \cdots & \longrightarrow & \widehat{Q}^{n+1}(C(\tilde{X})) & \longrightarrow & Q_n(C(\tilde{X}), \gamma) & \longrightarrow & Q^n(C(\tilde{X})) \xrightarrow{J_\gamma} \widehat{Q}^n(C(\tilde{X})) \longrightarrow \cdots \end{array}$$

with h the Hurewicz map and $U : \dot{H}_{n+k}(T(\nu)) \rightarrow H_n(X)$ the Thom isomorphism. The topological Wu classes of ν are the algebraic Wu classes of the induced chain bundle $(C(X; \mathbb{Z}_2), 1 \otimes \gamma)$ over \mathbb{Z}_2

$$v_*(\nu) = \widehat{v}_*(1 \otimes \gamma) \in H^*(X; \mathbb{Z}_2) = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(H_*(X; \mathbb{Z}_2), \mathbb{Z}_2).$$

§7. Normal complexes

An n -dimensional normal space (X, ν_X, ρ_X) (Quinn [14]) is a finite n -dimensional CW complex X together with a $(k-1)$ -spherical fibration $\nu_X : X \rightarrow BG(k)$ and a map $\rho_X : S^{n+k} \rightarrow T(\nu_X)$ to the Thom space of ν_X . An n -dimensional geometric Poincaré complex X has a unique equivalence class of normal structures (ν_X, ρ_X) , with ν_X the Spivak normal fibration and ρ_X representing the fundamental class $[X] \in H_n(X)$. A normal complex is the algebraic analogue of a normal space, consisting of a symmetric complex with normal chain bundle.

A *normal structure* (γ, θ) on an n -dimensional symmetric complex (C, ϕ) is a bundle $\gamma \in (\widehat{W}^{\%} C^{0-*})_0$ together with an equivalence of n -dimensional hyperquadratic structures on C

$$\theta : J(\phi) \rightarrow (\widehat{\phi}_0)^{\%}(S^n \gamma),$$

as defined by a chain $\theta \in (\widehat{W}^{\%} C)_{n+1}$ such that

$$J(\phi) - (\widehat{\phi}_0)^{\%}(S^n \gamma) = d\theta \in (\widehat{W}^{\%} C)_n.$$

The Wu classes of ϕ and γ are then related by a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^{n-r}(C) & \xrightarrow{\phi_0} & H_r(C) \\ v_r(\phi) \downarrow & & \downarrow \widehat{v}_r(\gamma) \\ H^{n-2r}(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, (-1)^{n-r}) & \xrightarrow{J} & \widehat{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}_2; A) . \end{array}$$

An *equivalence* of n -dimensional normal structures on (C, ϕ)

$$(\chi, \eta) : (\gamma, \theta) \rightarrow (\gamma', \theta')$$

is an equivalence of bundles $\chi : \gamma \rightarrow \gamma'$ together with an equivalence of $(n+1)$ -dimensional hyperquadratic structures on C

$$\eta : \theta - \theta' + (\widehat{\phi}_0)^\% (S^n \chi) \rightarrow 0 .$$

An n -dimensional symmetric Poincaré complex $(C, \phi \in (W^\% C)_n)$ has a unique equivalence class of normal structures (γ, θ) , with the equivalence class of bundles $[\gamma] \in \widehat{Q}^0(C^{0-*})$ the image of the equivalence class of symmetric structures $[\phi] \in Q^n(C)$ under the composite

$$Q^n(C) \xrightarrow{J} \widehat{Q}^n(C) \xrightarrow{((\phi_0)^\%)^{-1}} \widehat{Q}^n(C^{n-*}) \xrightarrow{(S^n)^{-1}} \widehat{Q}^0(C^{0-*}) .$$

If (γ, θ) , (γ', θ') are two such normal structures on (C, ϕ) there exists an equivalence of bundles $\chi : \gamma \rightarrow \gamma'$. As $\phi_0 : C^{n-*} \rightarrow C$ is a chain equivalence the cycle

$$\theta - \theta' + (\phi_0)^\% (S^n \chi) \in (\widehat{W}^\% C)_{n+1}$$

is such that there exist a cycle $\lambda \in \widehat{W}^\% C^{n-*}_{n+1}$ and a chain $\mu \in (\widehat{W}^\% C)_{n+2}$ such that

$$\theta - \theta' + (\phi_0)^\% (S^n \chi) = (\phi_0)^\% (\lambda) + d\mu \in (\widehat{W}^\% C)_{n+1} .$$

There is now defined an equivalence of normal structures on (C, ϕ)

$$(\chi - (S^n)^{-1}(\lambda), \mu) : (\gamma, \theta) \rightarrow (\gamma', \theta') .$$

An n -dimensional normal (Poincaré) complex over A $(C, \phi, \gamma, \theta)$ is an n -dimensional symmetric (Poincaré) complex (C, ϕ) together with a normal structure (γ, θ) . Symmetric Poincaré complexes are regarded as normal Poincaré complexes by choosing a normal structure in the unique equivalence class.

An n -dimensional normal complex $(C, \phi, \gamma, \theta)$ is *connected* if the n -dimensional symmetric complex (C, ϕ) is connected, that is

$$H_0(\phi_0 : C^{n-*} \rightarrow C) = 0 .$$

The correspondence described in §5 between the homotopy equivalence classes of connected n -dimensional $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{cases}$ complexes and those of n -dimensional $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{cases}$ Poincaré pairs has the following generalization to connected normal complexes and (symmetric, quadratic) Poincaré pairs.

A connected n -dimensional normal complex $(C, \phi, \gamma, \theta)$ determines the n -dimensional (symmetric, quadratic) Poincaré pair

$$(i_C : \partial C \rightarrow C^{n-*}, (\delta\phi, \psi))$$

defined by

$$\begin{aligned} i_C &= (0 \ 1) : \partial C_r = C_{r+1} \oplus C^{n-r} \rightarrow C^{n-r}, \\ d_{\partial C} &= \begin{pmatrix} d_C & (-1)^r \phi_0 \\ 0 & (-1)^r d_C^* \end{pmatrix} : \\ \partial C_r &= C_{r+1} \oplus C^{n-r} \rightarrow \partial C_{r-1} = C_r \oplus C^{n-r+1}, \\ \psi_0 &= \begin{pmatrix} \chi_0 & 0 \\ 1 + \gamma_{-n} \phi_0^* & \gamma_{-n-1}^* \end{pmatrix} : \\ \partial C^r &= C^{r+1} \oplus C_{n-r} \rightarrow \partial C_{n-r-1} = C_{n-r} \oplus C^{r+1}, \\ \psi_s &= \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{-s} & 0 \\ \gamma_{-n-s} \phi_0^* & \gamma_{-n-s-1}^* \end{pmatrix} : \\ \partial C^r &= C^{r+1} \oplus C_{n-r} \rightarrow \partial C_{n-r-s-1} = C_{n-r-s} \oplus C^{r+s+1} \ (s \geq 1), \\ \delta\phi_s &= \gamma_{-n-s} : C_r \rightarrow C^{n-r+s} \ (s \geq 0). \end{aligned}$$

The $(n-1)$ -dimensional quadratic Poincaré complex

$$\partial(C, \phi, \gamma, \theta) = (\partial C, \psi)$$

is the *quadratic boundary* of the connected n -dimensional normal complex $(C, \phi, \gamma, \theta)$.

(Compare with the definition in §6 of the boundary $(n-1)$ -dimensional $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{cases}$ Poincaré complex $\begin{cases} \partial(C, \phi) \\ \partial(C, \psi) \end{cases}$ of a connected n -dimensional $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{cases}$ complex $\begin{cases} (C, \phi) \\ (C, \psi) \end{cases}$). Conversely, given an n -dimensional (symmetric, quadratic) Poincaré pair $(f : C \rightarrow D, (\delta\phi, \psi))$ there is defined a connected n -dimensional normal complex $(C(f), \phi, \gamma, \theta)$ with the symmetric structure

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_s &= \begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} \delta\phi_0 & 0 \\ (1+T)\psi_0 f^* & 0 \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } s = 0 \\ \begin{pmatrix} \delta\phi_1 & 0 \\ 0 & (1+T)\psi_0 \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } s = 1 \\ \begin{pmatrix} \delta\phi_s & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } s \geq 2 \end{cases} \\ &: C(f)^r = D^r \oplus C^{r-1} \rightarrow C(f)_{n-r+s} = D_{n-r+s} \oplus C_{n-r+s-1}. \end{aligned}$$

The normal structure (γ, χ) is determined up to equivalence by the Poincaré duality, with $\gamma \in \widehat{Q}^0(D^{-*})$ the image of $(\delta\phi/(1+T)\psi) \in Q^n(C(f))$ under the composite

$$Q^n(C(f)) \xrightarrow{((\delta\phi_0, (1+T)\psi_0)^\%)^{-1}} Q^n(D^{n-*}) \xrightarrow{J} \widehat{Q}^n(D^{n-*}) \xrightarrow{S^{-n}} \widehat{Q}^0(D^{-*}).$$

The composite isomorphism

$$\widehat{Q}^0(C(f)^{0-*}) \xrightarrow{S^n} \widehat{Q}^n(C(f)^{n-*}) \xrightarrow{(\delta\phi_0, (1+T)\psi_0)^\%} \widehat{Q}^n(D)$$

sends the equivalence class $[\gamma] \in \widehat{Q}^0(C(f)^{0-*})$ to the element $\alpha \in \widehat{Q}^n(D)$ represented by

$$\alpha_s = \begin{cases} \delta\phi_s & \text{if } s \geq 0 \\ f\psi_{-s-1}f^* & \text{if } s \leq -1 \end{cases} : D^r \rightarrow D_{n-r+s} .$$

There is thus a natural one-one correspondence between the homotopy equivalence classes of connected n -dimensional normal complexes over A and the homotopy equivalence classes of n -dimensional (symmetric, quadratic) Poincaré pairs over A . In §8 below this correspondence will be used to identify the cobordism group $\widehat{L}^n(A)$ of n -dimensional (symmetric, quadratic) Poincaré pairs over A with the cobordism group of n -dimensional normal complexes over A .

Let (B, β) be a chain bundle over A . A *normal* (B, β) -structure $(\gamma, \theta, f, \chi)$ on an n -dimensional symmetric complex (C, ϕ) over A is a normal structure (γ, θ) on (C, ϕ) together with a chain bundle map

$$(f, \chi) : (C, \gamma) \rightarrow (B, \beta) .$$

There are also the corresponding relative notions of *normal* (B, β) -structure on symmetric and (symmetric, quadratic) pairs. For the universal chain bundle $(B(\infty), \beta(\infty))$ over A a normal $(B(\infty), \beta(\infty))$ -structure $(\gamma, \theta, f, \chi)$ on a symmetric complex (C, ϕ) is to all intents and purposes the same as a normal structure (γ, θ) .

A normal $(0,0)$ -structure $(\gamma, \theta, 0, \chi)$ on an n -dimensional symmetric complex (C, ϕ) determines an equivalence to 0 of the hyperquadratic structure $J(\phi) \in (\widehat{W}^\%C)_n$

$$\xi = \theta + \phi_0^\%(S^n\chi) : J(\phi) \rightarrow 0 .$$

Such an equivalence $\xi : J(\phi) \rightarrow 0$ consists of a quadratic structure $\psi \in (W_\%C)_n$ and an equivalence of symmetric structures

$$\eta : (1+T)\psi \rightarrow \phi ,$$

with

$$\psi_s = \xi_{-s-1} \in \text{Hom}_A(C^*, C)_{n-s} \quad (s \geq 0) ,$$

$$\eta_s = \xi_s \in \text{Hom}_A(C^*, C)_{n+s+1} \quad (s \geq 0) .$$

Thus a normal $(0,0)$ -structure on a symmetric complex (C, ϕ) is to all intents and purposes an equivalence of the symmetric structure ϕ to $(1+T)\psi$ for some quadratic structure ψ on C .

An n -dimensional (B, β) -normal (Poincaré) complex $(C, \phi, \gamma, \theta, f, \chi)$ is an n -dimensional symmetric (Poincaré) complex (C, ϕ) together with a normal (B, β) -structure $(\gamma, \theta, \phi, \chi)$.

In §8 below the cobordism group $\widehat{L}\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(A)$ of n -dimensional (B, β) -normal complexes over A will be identified with the twisted quadratic group $Q_n(B, \beta)$ (introduced by Weiss [19]) of equivalence classes of pairs (ϕ, θ) such that $(B, \phi, \beta, \theta, 1, 0)$ is an n -dimensional (B, β) -normal complex.

An n -dimensional symmetric structure (ϕ, θ) on a chain bundle (C, γ) is an n -dimensional symmetric structure $\phi \in (W^\%C)_n$ together with an equivalence of n -dimensional hyperquadratic structures on C

$$\theta : J(\phi) \rightarrow (\phi_0)^\%(S^n\gamma) ,$$

as defined by a chain $\theta \in (\widehat{W}^\%C)_{n+1}$ such that

$$J(\phi) - (\phi_0)^\%(S^n\gamma) = d(\theta) \in (\widehat{W}^\%C)_n .$$

Thus (C, ϕ) is an n -dimensional symmetric complex with normal structure (γ, θ) .

An *equivalence* of n -dimensional symmetric structures on (C, γ)

$$(\xi, \eta) : (\phi, \theta) \rightarrow (\phi', \theta')$$

is defined by an equivalence of symmetric structures $\xi : \phi \rightarrow \phi'$ together with an equivalence of hyperquadratic structures on C

$$\eta : \theta - \theta' + J(\xi) + (\xi_0; \phi_0, \phi'_0)^\%(S^n\gamma) \rightarrow 0 ,$$

as defined by chains $\xi \in (W^\%C)_{n+1}$, $\eta \in (\widehat{W}^\%C)_{n+2}$ such that

$$\phi' - \phi = d(\xi) \in (W^\%C)_nC^{-*}$$

$$\theta' - \theta + J(\xi) + (\xi_0; \phi_0, \phi'_0)^\%(S^n\gamma) = d(\eta) \in (\widehat{W}^\%C)_{n+1} .$$

The *twisted quadratic Q -group* $Q_n(C, \gamma)$ is the abelian group of equivalence classes of n -dimensional symmetric structures on a chain bundle (C, γ) , with addition by

$$(\phi, \theta) + (\phi', \theta') = (\phi + \phi', \theta + \theta' + [\phi_0, \phi'_0](S^n\gamma)) \in Q_n(C, \gamma) .$$

The twisted quadratic Q -groups $Q_*(C, \gamma)$ fit into an exact sequence of abelian groups

$$\dots \rightarrow \widehat{Q}^{n+1}(C) \xrightarrow{H_\gamma} Q_n(C, \gamma) \xrightarrow{N_\gamma} Q^n(C) \xrightarrow{J_\gamma} \widehat{Q}^n(C) \rightarrow \dots$$

with the morphisms

$$\begin{aligned} H_\gamma &: \widehat{Q}^{n+1}(C) \rightarrow Q_n(C, \gamma) ; \theta \mapsto (0, \theta) , \\ N_\gamma &: Q_n(C, \gamma) \rightarrow Q^n(C) ; (\phi, \theta) \mapsto \phi , \\ J_\gamma &: Q^n(C) \rightarrow \widehat{Q}^n(C) ; \phi \mapsto J(\phi) - (\phi_0)^\%(S^n\gamma) \end{aligned}$$

induced by simplicial maps. In the untwisted case $\gamma = 0$ there is defined an isomorphism of exact sequences

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} \dots & \longrightarrow & \widehat{Q}^{n+1}(C) & \xrightarrow{H} & Q_n(C) & \xrightarrow{1+T} & Q^n(C) & \xrightarrow{J} & \widehat{Q}^n(C) & \longrightarrow & \dots \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow \cong & & \parallel & & \parallel & & \\ \dots & \longrightarrow & \widehat{Q}^{n+1}(C) & \xrightarrow{H_0} & Q_n(C, 0) & \xrightarrow{N_0} & Q^n(C) & \xrightarrow{J_0} & \widehat{Q}^n(C) & \longrightarrow & \dots \end{array}$$

with

$$Q_n(C) \rightarrow Q_n(C, 0) ; \psi \mapsto ((1+T)\psi, \theta) , \quad \theta_s = \begin{cases} \psi_{-s-1} & \text{if } s \leq -1 \\ 0 & \text{if } s \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

The twisted quadratic groups $Q_*(C, \gamma)$ are covariant in (C, γ) . Given a map of chain bundles $(f, \chi) : (C, \gamma) \rightarrow (C', \gamma')$ and an n -dimensional symmetric structure (ϕ, θ) on (C, γ) define an n -dimensional symmetric structure on (C', γ')

$$(f, \chi)_\%(\phi, \theta) = (f^\%(\phi), \widehat{f}^\%(\theta) + (f\phi_0)^\%(S^n\chi)) .$$

The resulting morphisms of the twisted quadratic Q -groups

$$(f, \chi)_\% : Q_n(C, \gamma) \rightarrow Q_n(C', \gamma')$$

depend only on the homotopy class of (f, χ) . There is defined a morphism of exact sequences

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} \cdots & \longrightarrow & \widehat{Q}^{n+1}(C) & \xrightarrow{H_\gamma} & Q_n(C, \gamma) & \xrightarrow{N_\gamma} & Q^n(C) & \xrightarrow{J_\gamma} & \widehat{Q}^n(C) & \longrightarrow & \cdots \\ & & \widehat{f}^\% \downarrow & & (f, \chi)_\% \downarrow & & f^\% \downarrow & & \widehat{f}^\% \downarrow & & \\ \cdots & \longrightarrow & \widehat{Q}^{n+1}(C') & \xrightarrow{H_{\gamma'}} & Q_n(C', \gamma') & \xrightarrow{N_{\gamma'}} & Q^n(C') & \xrightarrow{J_{\gamma'}} & \widehat{Q}^n(C') & \longrightarrow & \cdots \end{array}$$

which is an isomorphism if (f, χ) is an equivalence.

The *characteristic element* of an n -dimensional (B, β) -normal complex $(C, \phi, \gamma, \theta, f, \chi)$ is defined by

$$(f, \chi)_\%(\phi, \theta) \in Q_n(B, \beta) .$$

In §8 the cobordism class of a (B, β) -normal complex will be identified with the characteristic element.

A map of n -dimensional $\begin{cases} \text{normal} \\ (B, \beta)\text{-normal} \end{cases}$ complexes

$$\begin{cases} (f, \xi, \chi, \eta) : (C, \phi, \gamma, \theta) \rightarrow (C', \phi', \gamma', \theta') \\ (f, \xi, \chi, \eta, h, \mu) : (C, \phi, \gamma, \theta, g, \lambda) \rightarrow (C', \phi', \gamma', \theta', g', \lambda') \end{cases}$$

consists of

- (i) a chain map $f : C \rightarrow C'$,
- (ii) an equivalence $\xi : f^\%(\phi) \rightarrow \phi'$ of n -dimensional symmetric structures on C' ,
- (iii) an equivalence $\chi : \gamma \rightarrow f^*\gamma'$ of bundles on C ,
- (iv) an equivalence of $(n+1)$ -dimensional hyperquadratic structures on C'

$$\eta : J(\xi) + \theta' - \widehat{f}^\%(\theta) + (\xi_0; f^\%\phi_0, \phi'_0)^\%(S^n\gamma') + (f\phi_0)^\%(S^n\chi) \rightarrow 0 ,$$

and in the (B, β) -normal case also

- (v) a homotopy of bundle maps

$$(h, \mu) : (g, \lambda) \simeq (g', \lambda')(f, \chi) : (C, \gamma) \rightarrow (B, \beta) .$$

Note that $(C, \phi, \gamma, \theta, g, \lambda)$ and $(C', \phi', \gamma', \theta', g', \lambda')$ have the same characteristic element

$$(g, \lambda)_\%(\phi, \theta) = (g', \lambda')_\%(\phi', \theta') \in Q_n(B, \beta) .$$

It is convenient for computational purposes to describe the behaviour of the twisted quadratic groups under direct sum. The direct sum of chain bundles (C, γ) , (C', γ') is the chain bundle

$$(C, \gamma) \oplus (C', \gamma') = (C \oplus C', \gamma \oplus \gamma') .$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} i &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} : C \rightarrow C \oplus C' , \quad i' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} : C' \rightarrow C \oplus C' , \\ j &= (1 \ 0) : C \oplus C' \rightarrow C , \quad j' = (0 \ 1) : C \oplus C' \rightarrow C' . \end{aligned}$$

The twisted quadratic groups of the direct sum are such that there is defined a long exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} \cdots \rightarrow Q_n(C, \gamma) \oplus Q_n(C', \gamma') &\xrightarrow{i_*} Q_n(C \oplus C', \gamma \oplus \gamma') \xrightarrow{j_*} H_n(C^t \otimes_A C') \\ &\xrightarrow{k_*} Q_{n-1}(C, \gamma) \oplus Q_{n-1}(C', \gamma') \xrightarrow{i_*} Q_{n-1}(C \oplus C', \gamma \oplus \gamma') \rightarrow \cdots \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} i_* &= (i_{\%} \ i'_{\%}) : Q_n(C, \gamma) \oplus Q_n(C', \gamma') \rightarrow Q_n(C \oplus C', \gamma \oplus \gamma') , \\ j_* &: Q_n(C \oplus C', \gamma \oplus \gamma') \rightarrow H_n(C^t \otimes_A C') ; (\phi, \theta) \mapsto (j \otimes j')\phi_0 , \\ k_* &: H_n(C^t \otimes_A C') \rightarrow Q_{n-1}(C, \gamma) \oplus Q_{n-1}(C', \gamma') ; \\ &(f : C^{n-*} \rightarrow C') \mapsto ((0, \widehat{f}_{\%}(S^n \gamma')), (0, -\widehat{f}_*^{\%}(S^n \gamma')) . \end{aligned}$$

For $\gamma = 0$ and $\gamma' = 0$ the long exact sequence collapses into split exact sequences of the untwisted quadratic Q -groups

$$0 \rightarrow Q_n(C) \oplus Q_n(C') \rightarrow Q_n(C \oplus C') \rightarrow H_n(C^t \otimes_A C') \rightarrow 0 .$$

§8. Normal cobordism

Given a k -plane vector bundle $\nu : X \rightarrow BO(k)$ over a space X let $\Omega_n(X, \nu)$ ($n \geq 0$) denote the bordism groups of bundle maps

$$(f, b) : (M^n, \nu_M) \rightarrow (X, \nu)$$

with M^n a smooth closed n -manifold and $\nu_M : M \rightarrow BO(k)$ the normal bundle of an embedding $M^n \subset S^{n+k}$ (Lashof [9]). The Thom space of ν_M is given by

$$T(\nu_M) = E(\nu_M)/\partial E(\nu_M)$$

with $E(\nu_M)$ the tubular neighbourhood of M^n in S^{n+k} , so that there is defined a collapse map

$$\rho_M : S^{n+k} \rightarrow S^{n+k}/(S^{n+k} \setminus E(\nu_M)) = E(\nu_M)/\partial E(\nu_M) = T(\nu_M) .$$

The Pontrjagin-Thom isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_n(X, \nu) &\rightarrow \pi_{n+k}(T(\nu)) ; \\ (f : M^n \rightarrow X, b : \nu_M \rightarrow \nu) &\mapsto (T(b)(\rho_M) : S^{n+k} \xrightarrow{\rho_M} T(\nu_M) \xrightarrow{T(b)} T(\nu)) \end{aligned}$$

has inverse

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{n+k}(T(\nu)) &\rightarrow \Omega_n(X, \nu) ; \\ (\rho : S^{n+k} \rightarrow T(\nu)) &\mapsto (f = \rho| : M^n = \rho^{-1}(X) \rightarrow X, b : \nu_M \rightarrow \nu) , \end{aligned}$$

using smooth transversality to choose a representative ρ transverse regular at the zero section $X \subset T(\nu)$.

Given a $(k-1)$ -spherical fibration $\nu : X \rightarrow BG(k)$ over a space X let $\Omega_n^N(X, \nu)$ (resp. $\Omega_n^P(X, \nu)$) denote the bordism group of fibration maps

$$(f, b) : (M^n, \nu_M) \rightarrow (X, \nu)$$

with $(M^n, \nu_M : M \rightarrow BG(k), \rho_M : S^{n+k} \rightarrow T(\nu_M))$ an n -dimensional normal space (resp. geometric Poincaré complex with Spivak normal structure). According to the theory of Quinn [14] there is a geometric theory of transversality for normal spaces, so that by analogy with the Pontrjagin-Thom isomorphism for smooth bordism there is defined an isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_n^N(X, \nu) &\rightarrow \pi_{n+k}(T(\nu)) ; \\ (f : M^n \rightarrow X, b : \nu_M \rightarrow \nu) &\mapsto (T(b)(\rho_M) : S^{n+k} \xrightarrow{\rho_M} T(\nu_M) \xrightarrow{T(b)} T(\nu)) , \end{aligned}$$

with inverse

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{n+k}(T(\nu)) &\rightarrow \Omega_n^N(X, \nu) ; \\ (\rho : S^{n+k} \rightarrow T(\nu)) &\mapsto (f = \rho| : M^n = \rho^{-1}(X) \rightarrow X, b : \nu_M \rightarrow \nu) . \end{aligned}$$

The geometric Poincaré and normal bordism groups for $n \geq 5$ are related by the Levitt-Jones-Quinn exact sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow L_n(\mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X)]) \rightarrow \Omega_n^P(X, \nu) \rightarrow \Omega_n^N(X, \nu) \rightarrow L_{n-1}(\mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X)]) \rightarrow \cdots .$$

If $\nu : X \rightarrow BG(k)$ admits a *TOP* reduction $\tilde{\nu} : X \rightarrow BTOP(k)$ the forgetful maps from manifold to normal space bordism $\Omega_n(X, \nu) \rightarrow \Omega_n^N(X, \nu)$ are isomorphisms, and

$$\Omega_n^P(X, \nu) = L_n(\mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X)]) \oplus \Omega_n^N(X, \nu) .$$

A map of n -dimensional normal spaces

$$(f, b, c) : (M^n, \nu_M, \rho_M) \rightarrow (X^n, \nu_X, \rho_X)$$

is defined by a map of fibrations $(f, b) : (M, \nu_M) \rightarrow (X, \nu_X)$ together with a homotopy

$$c : T(b)\rho_M \simeq \rho_X : S^{n+k} \rightarrow T(\nu_X) .$$

The mapping cylinder of f

$$M(f) = M \times [0, 1] \cup X / \{(x, 1) = f(x) \mid x \in M\}$$

defines a cobordism $(M(f); M, X)$ of normal spaces, identifying

$$M = M \times \{0\} \subset M(f) .$$

If M^n and X^n are Poincaré complexes the corresponding element of the relative bordism group is just the surgery obstruction

$$(M(f); M \cup -X) = \sigma_*(f, b) \in \Omega_{n+1}^{N,P}(X, \nu_X) = L_n(\mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X)]) .$$

Ignoring questions of finite-dimensionality (or assuming that X is a finite n -dimensional CW complex) it is therefore possible to define the inverse isomorphism to $\Omega_n^N(X, \nu) \rightarrow \pi_{n+k}(T(\nu))$ by

$$\pi_{n+k}(T(\nu)) \rightarrow \Omega_n^N(X, \nu) ; \rho \mapsto (X, \nu, \rho) ,$$

without an appeal to the transversality of normal spaces. The group $\pi_{n+k}(T(\nu))$ consists of the equivalence classes of normal structures $(\nu_X : X \rightarrow BG(k), \rho_X : S^{n+k} \rightarrow T(\nu_X))$ on X with $\nu_X = \nu$.

Following Weiss [19] we shall now identify the algebraic normal bordism groups $\widehat{L}\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(A)$ with the twisted quadratic groups $Q_n(B, \beta)$, the algebraic analogues of the homotopy groups of the Thom space $\pi_{n+k}(T(\nu))$.

A *cobordism* of n -dimensional normal complexes $(C, \phi, \gamma, \theta)$, $(C', \phi', \gamma', \theta')$ is defined by an $(n+1)$ -dimensional symmetric pair

$$((f, f') : C \oplus C' \rightarrow D, (\delta\phi, \phi \oplus -\phi'))$$

together with bundle maps

$$(f, \zeta) : (C, \gamma) \rightarrow (D, \delta\gamma) , (f', \zeta') : (C', \gamma') \rightarrow (D, \delta\gamma)$$

and an equivalence of hyperquadratic structures on D

$$\delta\theta : J(\delta\phi) - (\delta\phi_0; f\phi_0 f^*, f'\phi'_0 f'^*)^{\%}(S^n \delta\gamma) + f; (\phi'_0)^{\%}(S^n \zeta') \rightarrow 0 .$$

Similarly for the cobordism of (B, β) -normal complexes.

The *symmetric* (B, β) -structure L -groups of A $L\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(A)$ ($n \geq 0$) of Weiss [19] are the cobordism groups of n -dimensional (B, β) -normal Poincaré complexes over A $(C, \phi, \gamma, \theta, f, \chi)$. For the $\begin{cases} \text{universal} \\ \text{zero} \end{cases}$ chain bundle $\begin{cases} (B(\infty), \beta(\infty)) \\ (0, 0) \end{cases}$ over A these are just the $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{cases}$ L -groups

$$\begin{cases} L\langle B(\infty), \beta(\infty) \rangle^n(A) = L^n(A) \\ L\langle 0, 0 \rangle^n(A) = L_n(A) . \end{cases}$$

The *symmetric* (B, β) -structure \widehat{L} -groups $\widehat{L}\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(A)$ ($n \geq 0$) are the cobordism groups of n -dimensional (B, β) -normal complexes over A . For the $\begin{cases} \text{universal} \\ \text{zero} \end{cases}$ chain bundle $\begin{cases} (B(\infty), \beta(\infty)) \\ (0, 0) \end{cases}$ over A these are just the

$$\begin{cases} \widehat{L}\langle B(\infty), \beta(\infty) \rangle^n(A) = \widehat{L}^n(A) \\ \widehat{L}\langle 0, 0 \rangle^n(A) = 0 . \end{cases}$$

Algebraic surgery was used in Ranicki [15] to prove that every n -dimensional quadratic Poincaré complex (C, ψ) is cobordant to a highly-connected complex (C', ψ') , with

$$H_r(C') = 0 \quad (2r \leq n-2) .$$

The boundary of an n -dimensional normal complex $(C, \phi, \gamma, \theta)$ is an $(n-1)$ -dimensional quadratic Poincaré complex $(\partial C, \psi)$. Glueing on to $(C, \phi, \gamma, \theta)$ the trace of

the surgery making $(\partial C, \psi)$ highly-connected there is obtained an n -dimensional normal complex $(C', \phi', \gamma', \theta')$ which is cobordant to $(C, \phi, \gamma, \theta)$ and which has a highly-connected boundary, with

$$H_r(\partial C') = H_{r+1}(\phi'_0 : C'^{n-*} \rightarrow C') = 0 \quad (2r \leq n-3) .$$

In particular, this shows that every normal complex is cobordant to a connected complex. Thus $\widehat{L}\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(A)$ is also the cobordism group of connected n -dimensional (B, β) -normal complexes over A . The one-one correspondence established in §7 between connected n -dimensional normal complexes and n -dimensional (symmetric, quadratic) Poincaré pairs generalizes to a one-one correspondence between connected n -dimensional (B, β) -normal complexes over A and n -dimensional (symmetric, quadratic) (B, β) -normal Poincaré pairs over A , for any chain bundle (B, β) over A . It follows that $\widehat{L}\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(A)$ can be identified with the cobordism group of n -dimensional (symmetric, quadratic) (B, β) -normal Poincaré pairs, and that there is defined an exact sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow L_n(A) \rightarrow L\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(A) \rightarrow \widehat{L}\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(A) \xrightarrow{\partial} L_{n-1}(A) \rightarrow \cdots ,$$

with ∂ defined by the quadratic boundary

$$\partial : \widehat{L}\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(A) \rightarrow L_{n-1}(A) ; (C, \phi, \gamma, \theta, f, \chi) \mapsto \partial(C, \phi, \gamma, \theta) .$$

A map of n -dimensional normal complexes

$$(f, \xi, \chi, \eta) : (C, \phi, \gamma, \theta) \rightarrow (C', \phi', \gamma', \theta')$$

determines an $(n+1)$ -dimensional symmetric pair $((f \ 1) : C \oplus C' \rightarrow C', (\xi, \phi \oplus -\phi'))$, bundle maps

$$(f, \chi) : (C, \gamma) \rightarrow (C', \gamma') , \quad (1, 0) : (C', \gamma') \rightarrow (C', \gamma')$$

and an equivalence of hyperquadratic structures on C'

$$\eta : J(\xi) - (\xi_0; f\phi_0 f^*, \phi'_0)^\% (S^n \gamma') + f^\% (\theta - (\phi_0)^\% (S^n \gamma)) - \theta' \rightarrow 0 ,$$

defining a cobordism between $(C, \phi, \gamma, \theta)$ and $(C', \phi', \gamma', \theta')$ by analogy with the mapping cylinder construction of geometric normal bordisms. Similarly for maps of (B, β) -normal complexes. It follows that the abelian group morphisms

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{L}\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(A) &\rightarrow Q_n(B, \beta) ; (C, \phi, \gamma, \theta, f, \chi) \mapsto (f, \chi)^\% (\phi, \theta) , \\ Q_n(B, \beta) &\rightarrow \widehat{L}\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(A) ; (\phi, \theta) \mapsto (B, \phi, \beta, \theta, 1, 0) \end{aligned}$$

are inverse isomorphisms.

For example, if $A = \mathbb{Z}$ and $(B(\infty), \beta(\infty))$ is the universal chain bundle over \mathbb{Z} (as constructed at the end of §6) then

$$L\langle B(\infty), \beta(\infty) \rangle^n(\mathbb{Z}) = L^n(\mathbb{Z}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ 0 & \text{if } n \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases},$$

$$L_n(\mathbb{Z}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ 0 & \text{if } n \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases},$$

$$\widehat{L}\langle B(\infty), \beta(\infty) \rangle^n(\mathbb{Z}) = Q_n(B(\infty), \beta(\infty)) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}_8 & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 & \text{if } n \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{4} \\ 0 & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \end{cases}.$$

A spherical fibration $\nu : X \rightarrow BG(k)$ determines a chain bundle $(C(\tilde{X}), \gamma)$ over $\mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X)]$ ([15], [19]) and there is defined a natural transformation of exact sequences from the Levitt-Jones-Quinn Poincaré bordism sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \cdots \rightarrow L_n(\mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X)]) & \longrightarrow & \Omega_n^P(X, \nu) & \longrightarrow & \pi_{n+k}(T(\nu)) & \longrightarrow & L_{n-1}(\mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X)]) \rightarrow \cdots \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \cdots \rightarrow L_n(\mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X)]) & \longrightarrow & L^n(C(\tilde{X}), \gamma) & \longrightarrow & Q_n(C(\tilde{X}), \gamma) & \longrightarrow & L_{n-1}(\mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X)]) \rightarrow \cdots \end{array}$$

with $\Omega_n^P(X, \nu) \rightarrow L^n(C(\tilde{X}), \gamma)$ a generalized symmetric signature map.

§9. Normal Wu classes

The Wu classes of the symmetric structure ϕ and the bundles β, γ in an n -dimensional (B, β) -normal complex $(C, \phi, \gamma, \theta, f, \chi)$ are related by a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} H^{n-r}(C) & \xrightarrow{\phi_0} & H_r(C) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & H_r(B) \\ v_r(\phi) \downarrow & & \widehat{v}_r(\gamma) \downarrow & \swarrow \widehat{v}_r(\beta) & \\ H^{n-2r}(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, (-1)^{n-r}) & \xrightarrow{J} & \widehat{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}_2; A) & & \end{array}$$

For any chain bundle (B, β) and any chain complex C we shall now define symmetric (B, β) -structure groups $Q\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(C)$ ($n \geq 0$) to fit into an exact sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow Q\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(C) \rightarrow Q^n(C) \oplus H_n(B^t \otimes_A C) \rightarrow \widehat{Q}^n(C) \rightarrow Q\langle B, \beta \rangle^{n-1}(C) \rightarrow \cdots$$

The Wu classes $v_r(\phi)$ of a symmetric complex (C, ϕ) will then be refined to the normal Wu classes of a (B, β) -normal complex $(C, \phi, \gamma, \theta, f, \chi)$

$$v_r = v_r(\phi, \gamma, \theta, f, \chi) : H^{n-r}(C) \rightarrow Q\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(S^{n-r}A),$$

with

$$v_r(\phi) : H^{n-r}(C) \xrightarrow{v_r} Q\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(S^{n-r}A) \rightarrow Q^n(S^{n-r}A) = H^{n-2r}(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, (-1)^{n-r}).$$

In §11 below the normal Wu classes will be used to define a \mathbb{Z}_4 -valued quadratic function on $H^n(C)$ for a $2n$ -dimensional symmetric Poincaré complex (C, ϕ) over \mathbb{Z}_2 with normal $(v_{n+1} = 0)$ -structure, as required to define the \mathbb{Z}_8 -valued invariant of Brown [4].

Let (B, β) be a chain bundle over A , and let C be a finite-dimensional A -module chain complex. An n -dimensional symmetric (B, β) -structure on C (ϕ, θ, f) is defined by an n -dimensional symmetric structure $\phi \in (W^\% C)_n$ together with a chain $\theta \in (\widehat{W}^\% C)_{n+1}$ and a chain map $f : B^{n-*} \rightarrow C$ such that

$$J(\phi) - \widehat{f}^\%(S^n \beta) = d\theta \in (\widehat{W}^\% C)_n .$$

An n -dimensional (B, β) -normal structure $(\phi, \gamma, \theta, g, \chi)$ on C determines the n -dimensional symmetric (B, β) -structure $(\phi, \theta + (\phi_0)^\%(S^n \chi), \phi_0 g^*)$ on C . Conversely, if $f^* : C^{n-*} \rightarrow B$ is a composite

$$f^* : C^{n-*} \xrightarrow{\phi_0} C \xrightarrow{g} B$$

(as is always the case up to chain homotopy if (C, ϕ) is a Poincaré complex) the symmetric (B, β) -structure (ϕ, θ, f) determines the n -dimensional (B, β) -normal structure $(\phi, g^* \gamma, \theta, g, 0)$.

An n -dimensional symmetric (B, β) -structure (Poincaré) complex over A (C, ϕ, θ, f) is an n -dimensional A -module chain complex C together with an n -dimensional symmetric (B, β) -structure (ϕ, θ, f) (such that $\phi_0 : C^{n-*} \rightarrow C$ is a chain equivalence). As for symmetric (Poincaré) pairs there is also the analogous notion of symmetric (B, β) -structure (Poincaré) pair. There is essentially no difference between symmetric (B, β) -structure Poincaré complexes and (B, β) -normal Poincaré complexes, so that the L -groups $L\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(A)$ ($n \geq 0$) can also be regarded as the cobordism groups of n -dimensional symmetric (B, β) -structure Poincaré complexes over A .

An equivalence of n -dimensional symmetric (B, β) -structures on C

$$(\xi, \eta, g) : (\phi, \theta, f) \rightarrow (\phi', \theta', f')$$

is defined by an equivalence of symmetric structures $\xi : \phi \rightarrow \phi'$ together with a chain $\eta \in (\widehat{W}^\% C)_{n+2}$ and a chain homotopy $g : f \simeq f' : B^{n-*} \rightarrow C$ such that

$$J(\xi) - (g; f, f')^\%(S^n \beta) - \theta' + \theta = d\eta \in (\widehat{W}^\% C)_{n+1} .$$

The n -dimensional symmetric (B, β) -structure group of C $Q\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(C)$ is the abelian group of equivalence classes of n -dimensional symmetric (B, β) -symmetric structures on C , with addition by

$$(\phi, \theta, f) + (\phi', \theta', f') = (\phi + \phi', \theta + \theta' + [f, f'](S^n \beta), f + f') \in Q\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(C) .$$

There is also a more economical description of $Q\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(C)$ as the abelian group of equivalence classes of pairs (ψ, f) defined by an n -dimensional quadratic structure $\psi \in (W_\% C)_n$ and a chain map $f : B^{n-*} \rightarrow C$ such that

$$f_\% H(S^n \beta) = d\psi \in (W_\% C)_{n-1} ,$$

so that up to signs

$$f\beta_{-n-s-1}f^* = d\psi_s + \psi_s d^* + \psi_{s+1} + \psi_{s+1}^* \in \text{Hom}_A(C^{-*}, C)_{n-s} \quad (s \geq 0) ,$$

subject to the equivalence relation

$$\begin{aligned} (\psi, f) \sim (\psi', f') & \text{ if there exist a chain homotopy } g : f \simeq f' : B^{n-*} \rightarrow C \\ & \text{ and an equivalence of quadratic structures} \\ \chi : \psi' - \psi & \rightarrow (g; f, f')_{\%} H(S^n \beta) , \end{aligned}$$

with addition by

$$(\psi, f) + (\psi', f') = (\psi + \psi' + H([f, f'](S^n \beta)), f + f') .$$

The pair (ψ, f) determines the triple (ϕ, θ, f) with

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_s &= \begin{cases} f\beta_{s-n}f^* & \text{if } s \geq 1 \\ f\beta_{-n}f^* + (1+T)\psi_0 & \text{if } s = 0 , \end{cases} \\ \theta_s &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } s \geq 0 \\ \psi_{-s-1} & \text{if } s \leq -1 . \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, a triple (ϕ, θ, f) determines the pair (ψ, f) with

$$\psi_s = \theta_{-s-1} \ (s \geq 0) .$$

Given an n -dimensional symmetric (B, β) -structure (ϕ, θ, f) on C , a chain bundle map $(g, \chi) : (B, \beta) \rightarrow (B', \beta')$ and a chain map $h : C \rightarrow C'$ define the *pushforward* n -dimensional symmetric (B', β') -structure on C'

$$\langle g, \chi \rangle (h)^{\%} (\phi, \theta, f) = (h^{\%}(\phi), h^{\%}(\theta + S^n(\widehat{f}^{\%}\chi)), hfg^*) .$$

Thus the groups $Q\langle B, \beta \rangle^*(C)$ are covariant in both (B, β) and C , with pushforward abelian group morphisms

$$\begin{aligned} \langle g, \chi \rangle (h)^{\%} : Q\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(C) &\rightarrow Q\langle B', \beta' \rangle^n(C') ; \\ (\phi, \theta, f) &\mapsto (h^{\%}(\phi), \widehat{h}^{\%}(\theta + \widehat{f}^{\%}(S^n \chi)), hfg^*) \end{aligned}$$

depending only on the homotopy classes of (g, χ) and h .

An n -dimensional symmetric (B, β) -structure (ϕ, θ, f) on C determines an n -dimensional symmetric structure $\phi \in (W^{\%}C)_n$ on C , so that there is defined a forgetful map

$$s : Q\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(C) \rightarrow Q^n(C) ; (\phi, \theta, f) \mapsto \phi .$$

An n -dimensional quadratic structure $\psi \in (W_{\%}C)_n$ on C determines an n -dimensional symmetric (B, β) -structure $((1+T)\psi, \theta, 0)$ on C for any (B, β) , with

$$\theta_s = \begin{cases} \psi_{-s-1} & \text{if } s \leq -1 \\ 0 & \text{if } s \geq 0 . \end{cases}$$

Thus there are also defined forgetful maps

$$s : Q_n(C) \rightarrow Q\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(C) ; \psi \mapsto ((1+T)\psi, \theta, 0) ,$$

and $sr = 1+T : Q_n(C) \rightarrow Q^n(C)$.

Let $P\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(C)$ be the abelian group of equivalence classes of n -dimensional symmetric (B, β) -structures (ϕ, θ, f) with $\phi = 0$, to be denoted (θ, f) , subject to the equivalence relation

$$(\theta, f) \sim (\theta', f') \text{ if there exists an equivalence of } (B, \beta)\text{-structures}$$

$$(0, \eta, g) : (0, \theta, f) \rightarrow (0, \theta', f').$$

The symmetric (B, β) -structure groups $Q\langle B, \beta \rangle^*(C)$ and the groups $P\langle B, \beta \rangle^*(C)$ are related by a commutative braid of exact sequences of abelian groups

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & 1+T & & \\
 & \curvearrowright & & \curvearrowright & \\
 Q_n(C) & & Q^n(C) & & P\langle B, \beta \rangle^{n-1}(C) \\
 & \searrow & \nearrow J & \searrow & \\
 & Q\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(C) & & \hat{Q}^n(C) & \\
 & \nearrow & \searrow & \nearrow H & \\
 P\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(C) & & H_n(B^t \otimes_A C) & & Q_{n-1}(C) \\
 & \curvearrowleft & & \curvearrowleft &
 \end{array}$$

If (B, β) is the $\begin{cases} \text{universal} \\ \text{zero} \end{cases}$ chain bundle $\begin{cases} (B(\infty), \beta(\infty)) \\ (0, 0) \end{cases}$ the forgetful map

$$\begin{cases} Q\langle B(\infty), \beta(\infty) \rangle^n(C) \rightarrow Q^n(C) ; (\phi, \theta, f) \mapsto \phi \\ Q_n(C) \rightarrow Q\langle 0, 0 \rangle^n(C) ; \psi \mapsto ((1+T)\psi, \theta) \end{cases}$$

is an isomorphism and

$$\begin{cases} P\langle B(\infty), \beta(\infty) \rangle^n(C) = 0 \\ P\langle 0, 0 \rangle^n(C) = \hat{Q}^{n+1}(C) . \end{cases}$$

The *Wu classes* of an n -dimensional symmetric (B, β) -structure (ϕ, θ, f) on C are the A -morphisms

$$\begin{aligned} v_r(\phi, \theta, f) &: H^{n-r}(C) \rightarrow Q\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(S^{n-r}A) ; \\ (x : C \rightarrow S^{n-r}A) &\mapsto \langle 1, 0 \rangle (x)^{\%}(\phi, \theta, f) . \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$Q\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(S^{n-r}A) = \begin{cases} H_r(B) & \text{if } 2r < n \\ \{(a, b) \in A \oplus B_r \mid db = 0 \in B_{r-1}\} / \sim & \text{if } 2r = n \\ \{(a, b) \in A \oplus B_r \mid a + (-1)^r \bar{a} + \beta_{-2r}(b)(b) = 0 \in A, db = 0 \in B_{r-1}\} / \sim & \text{if } 2r > n \end{cases}$$

with the equivalence relation \sim defined by

$$\begin{aligned} (a, b) \sim (a', b') & \text{ if there exists } (x, y) \in A \oplus B_{r+1} \text{ such that} \\ & a' - a = x + (-1)^{r+1} \bar{x} + \beta_{-2r-2}(y)(y) \\ & \quad + \beta_{-2r-1}(y)(b) + \beta_{-2r-1}(b')(y) \in A, \\ & b' - b = dy \in B_r \end{aligned}$$

and addition by

$$(a, b) + (a', b') = (a + a' + \beta_{-2r}(b)(b'), b + b') .$$

The map to the symmetric Q -group is given by

$$Q\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(S^{n-r}A) \rightarrow Q^n(S^{n-r}A) = H^{n-2r}(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, (-1)^{n-r}) ;$$

$$\begin{cases} b \mapsto \beta_{-2r}(b)(b) & \text{if } 2r < n \\ (a, b) \mapsto a + (-1)^r \bar{a} + \beta_{-2r}(b)(b) & \text{if } 2r = n \\ 0 & \text{if } 2r > n . \end{cases}$$

The Wu classes are given by

$$v_r(\phi, \theta, f) : H^{n-r}(C) \rightarrow Q\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(S^{n-r}A) ;$$

$$z \mapsto \begin{cases} f^*(z) & \text{if } 2r < n \\ (\theta_{n-2r-1}(z)(z), f^*(z)) & \text{if } 2r \geq n \end{cases} \quad (z \in C^{n-r}, d^*z = 0) .$$

§10. Forms

In Ranicki [15] the even-dimensional $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{cases}$ L -groups $\begin{cases} L^{2n}(A) \\ L_{2n}(A) \end{cases} (n \geq 0)$ were related to the Witt groups $\begin{cases} W^{(-1)^n}(A) \\ W_{(-1)^n}(A) \end{cases}$ of nonsingular $\begin{cases} (-1)^n\text{-symmetric} \\ (-1)^n\text{-quadratic} \end{cases}$ forms over A . In particular, it was shown that

$$\begin{cases} L^0(A) = W^{+1}(A) \\ L_{2n}(A) = W_{(-1)^n}(A) \end{cases} \quad (n \geq 0) .$$

This relationship between L -groups and Witt groups will now be generalized to the even-dimensional symmetric (B, β) -structure L -groups $L\langle B, \beta \rangle^{2n}(A)$ and the Witt groups $W_{Q(n)}(A)$ of nonsingular $Q(n)$ -quadratic forms over A , with (B, β) any chain bundle over A and

$$Q(n) = Q\langle B, \beta \rangle^{2n}(S^n A) .$$

Let $\epsilon = \pm 1$. An ϵ -symmetric form over A (M, λ) is a f.g. projective A -module M together with an element $\lambda \in \text{Hom}_A(M, M^*)$ such that

$$\epsilon \lambda^* = \lambda : M \rightarrow M^* .$$

Equivalently, the form is defined by a pairing

$$\lambda : M \times M \rightarrow A ; (x, y) \rightarrow \lambda(x, y) = \lambda(x)(y)$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(ax, by) &= b\lambda(x, y)\bar{a} , \\ \lambda(x + x', y) &= \lambda(x, y) + \lambda(x', y) , \\ \epsilon \overline{\lambda(y, x)} &= \lambda(x, y) \quad (x, y \in M, a, b \in A) . \end{aligned}$$

Let $Q(\epsilon)$ be an A -group together with A -morphisms

$$\begin{aligned} r : Q(\epsilon) &\rightarrow H^0(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon) = \{a \in A \mid \epsilon \bar{a} = a\} , \\ s : H_0(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon) &= A/\{b - \epsilon \bar{b} \mid b \in A\} \rightarrow Q(\epsilon) \end{aligned}$$

such that

$$rs = 1 + T_\epsilon : H_0(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon) \rightarrow H^0(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon) .$$

A $Q(\epsilon)$ -quadratic form over A (M, λ, μ) is an ϵ -symmetric form (M, λ) together with an A -morphism $\mu : M \rightarrow Q(\epsilon)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} r(\mu(x)) &= \lambda(x, x) \in H^0(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon) , \\ \mu(x+y) - \mu(x) - \mu(y) &= s(\lambda(x, y)) \in Q(\epsilon) \ (x, y \in M) . \end{aligned}$$

There is an evident notion of *isomorphism* of $Q(\epsilon)$ -quadratic forms.

A $Q(\epsilon)$ -quadratic form (M, λ, μ) is *nonsingular* if $\lambda \in \text{Hom}_A(M, M^*)$ is an isomorphism of A -modules.

A nonsingular $Q(\epsilon)$ -quadratic form (M, λ, μ) is *hyperbolic* if there exists a direct summand $L \subset M$ such that

- (i) the inclusion $j \in \text{Hom}_A(L, M)$ fits into an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow L \xrightarrow{j} M \xrightarrow{j^* \lambda} L^* \rightarrow 0 ,$$

- (ii) $\mu j = 0 : L \rightarrow Q(\epsilon)$.

The $Q(\epsilon)$ -quadratic Witt group of A $W_{Q(\epsilon)}(A)$ is the abelian group of equivalence classes of nonsingular $Q(\epsilon)$ -quadratic forms (M, λ, μ) , subject to the equivalence relation

$$\begin{aligned} (M, \lambda, \mu) \sim (M', \lambda', \mu') \text{ if there exists an isomorphism} \\ (M, \lambda, \mu) \oplus (N, \nu, \rho) \rightarrow (M', \lambda', \mu') \oplus (N', \nu', \rho') \\ \text{for some hyperbolic } Q(\epsilon)\text{-quadratic forms} \\ (N, \nu, \rho), (N', \nu', \rho'). \end{aligned}$$

For $Q(\epsilon) = H^0(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon)$, $r = 1$, $s = 1 + T_\epsilon$ a $Q(\epsilon)$ -quadratic form (M, λ, μ) may be identified with the ϵ -symmetric form (M, λ) , since λ determines μ by

$$\mu(x) = \lambda(x, x) \in H^0(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon) \ (x \in M) .$$

The Witt group of ϵ -symmetric forms $W_{Q(\epsilon)}(A)$ is denoted by $W^\epsilon(A)$.

For $Q(\epsilon) = H_0(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon)$, $r = 1 + T_\epsilon$, $s = 1$ a $Q(\epsilon)$ -quadratic form (M, λ, μ) is just a ϵ -quadratic form in the sense of Wall [18]. The Witt group of ϵ -quadratic forms $W_{Q(\epsilon)}(A)$ is denoted by $W_\epsilon(A)$.

For $Q(\epsilon) = \text{im}(1 + T_\epsilon : H_0(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon) \rightarrow H^0(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon))$, $r = \text{projection}$, $s = \text{injection}$ a $Q(\epsilon)$ -quadratic form (M, λ, μ) is just an ϵ -symmetric form (M, λ) for which there exists an ϵ -quadratic form $(M, \lambda, \mu : M \rightarrow H_0(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, \epsilon))$. Such an ϵ -symmetric form is *even*. The Witt group of even ϵ -symmetric forms $W_{Q(\epsilon)}(A)$ is denoted by $W\langle v_0 \rangle^\epsilon(A)$.

For $\epsilon = +1$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \epsilon\text{-symmetric} \\ \epsilon\text{-quadratic} \end{array} \right.$ is abbreviated to $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{array} \right.$.

A $2n$ -dimensional $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{array} \right.$ (Poincaré) complex over A $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (C, \phi) \\ (C, \psi) \end{array} \right.$ with $H^n(C)$ a f.g. projective A -module determines a (nonsingular) $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (-1)^n\text{-symmetric} \\ (-1)^n\text{-quadratic} \end{array} \right.$

form over A $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (H^n(C), \phi_0, v_n(\phi)) \\ (H^n(C), (1+T)\psi_0, v^n(\psi)) \end{array} \right\}$ with

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} v_n(\phi) : H^n(C) \rightarrow H^0(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, (-1)^n) ; x \mapsto \phi_0(x)(x) \\ v^n(\psi) : H^n(C) \rightarrow H_0(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, (-1)^n) ; x \mapsto \psi_0(x)(x) . \end{array} \right.$$

Conversely, a (nonsingular) $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (-1)^n\text{-symmetric} \\ (-1)^n\text{-quadratic} \end{array} \right\}$ form $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (M, \lambda) \\ (M, \lambda, \mu) \end{array} \right\}$ determines a $2n$ -dimensional $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{quadratic} \end{array} \right\}$ (Poincaré) complex $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (C, \phi) \\ (C, \psi) \end{array} \right\}$ such that

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi_0 \\ (1+T)\psi_0 \end{array} \right. = \lambda : C^n = M \rightarrow C_n = M^* , C_r = 0 \ (r \neq n) ,$$

$$v^n(\psi) = \mu : H^n(C) = M \rightarrow H_0(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, (-1)^n) .$$

The corresponding morphisms from the Witt groups to the L -groups

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} W^{(-1)^n}(A) \rightarrow L^{2n}(A) ; (M, \lambda) \mapsto (C, \phi) \\ W_{(-1)^n}(A) \rightarrow L_{2n}(A) ; (M, \lambda, \mu) \mapsto (C, \psi) \end{array} \right.$$

were shown in Ranicki [15] to be isomorphisms for $n = 0$ if A is any ring, and for all $n \geq 0$ if A is $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{a Dedekind} \\ \text{any} \end{array} \right.$ ring. For a Dedekind ring A the inverse isomorphism in symmetric L -theory is given by

$$L^{2n}(A) \rightarrow W^{(-1)^n}(A) ; (C, \phi) \mapsto (H^n(C)/(\text{torsion}), \phi_0) .$$

The inverse isomorphism in quadratic L -theory is given for any A by

$$L_{2n}(A) \rightarrow W_{(-1)^n}(A) ;$$

$$(C, \psi) \mapsto (\text{coker}\left(\begin{pmatrix} d^* & 0 \\ (1+T)\psi_0 & d \end{pmatrix} : C^{n-1} \oplus C_{n+2} \rightarrow C^n \oplus C_{n+1}\right), \begin{bmatrix} \psi_0 & d \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}) .$$

If A is a field this isomorphism can also be expressed as

$$(C, \psi) \mapsto (H^n(C), (1+T)\psi_0, v^n(\psi))$$

but this is not the case in general – see Milgram and Ranicki [12, p.406].

Given A -groups M, N and a symmetric bilinear pairing

$$\phi : N \times N \rightarrow M$$

such that

$$\phi(ay, ay') = a\phi(y, y') \in M \ (a \in A, y, y' \in N)$$

let $M \times_\phi N$ be the A -group of pairs $(x \in M, y \in N)$, with addition by

$$(x, y) + (x', y') = (x + x' + \phi(y, y'), y + y') \in M \times_\phi N$$

and A acting by

$$A \times (M \times_\phi N) \rightarrow M \times_\phi N ; (a, (x, y)) \mapsto (ax, ay) .$$

There is then defined a short exact sequence of A -groups and A -morphisms

$$0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow M \times_\phi N \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$$

with

$$M \rightarrow M \times_{\phi} N ; x \mapsto (x, 0)$$

$$M \times_{\phi} N \rightarrow N ; (x, y) \mapsto y .$$

Given a chain bundle (B, β) over A define the A -group

$$\begin{aligned} Q(n) &= Q\langle B, \beta \rangle^{2n}(S^n A) \\ &= \{(a, b) \in A \oplus B_n \mid db = 0 \in B_{n-1}\} / \sim , \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} (a, b) \sim (a', b') \text{ if there exist } (x, y) \in A \oplus B_{n+1} \text{ such that} \\ a' - a &= x + (-1)^{n+1} \overline{x} + \beta_{-2n-2}(y)(y) \\ &\quad + \beta_{-2n-1}(y)(b) + \beta_{-2n-1}(b')(y) , \\ b' - b &= dy , \end{aligned}$$

with addition by

$$(a, b) + (a', b') = (a + a' + \beta_{-2n}(b)(b'), b + b')$$

and A -action by

$$A \times Q(n) \rightarrow Q(n) ; (x, (a, b)) \mapsto x(a, b) = (xa\overline{x}, xb) .$$

The A -morphisms

$$\begin{aligned} r : Q_{2n}(S^n A) &= H_0(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, (-1)^n) \rightarrow Q(n) ; a \mapsto (a, 0) , \\ s : Q(n) &\rightarrow Q^{2n}(S^n A) = H^0(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, (-1)^n) ; \\ (a, b) &\mapsto a + (-1)^n \overline{a} + \beta_{-2n}(b)(b) \end{aligned}$$

are such that there is defined a commutative braid of exact sequences

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & 1+T & & & \\ & \curvearrowright & & \curvearrowright & & \curvearrowright & \\ H_{n+1}(B) & & Q_{2n}(S^n A) & & Q^{2n}(S^n A) & & 0 \\ & \searrow & \downarrow r & \nearrow s & \downarrow J & \searrow & \\ & \hat{Q}^{2n+1}(S^n A) & & Q(n) & & \hat{Q}^{2n}(S^n A) & \\ & \nearrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \nearrow & \downarrow & \\ 0 & & P\langle B, \beta \rangle^{2n}(S^n A) & & H_n(B) & & 0 \\ & \curvearrowleft & \curvearrowleft & \curvearrowleft & \curvearrowleft & \curvearrowleft & \\ & & & & & & \end{array}$$

with

$$Q(n) \rightarrow H_n(B) ; (a, b) \mapsto b .$$

If (B, β) is such that for all $y \in B_{n+1}$ there exists $x \in A$ such that

$$(\beta_{-2n-2} + \beta_{-2n-1}d)(y)(y) = x + (-1)^n \overline{x} \in A$$

(e.g. if $d = 0 : B_{n+1} \rightarrow B_n$ and $v_{n+1}(\beta) = 0 : H_{n+1}(B) \rightarrow \widehat{H}^{n+1}(\mathbb{Z}_2; A)$) then there is a natural identification of A -groups

$$Q(n) = Q_{2n}(S^n A) \times_{\beta_{-2n}} H_n(B)$$

with

$$\beta_{-2n} : H_n(B) \times H_n(B) \rightarrow Q_{2n}(S^n A) ; (b, b') \mapsto \beta_{-2n}(b)(b') .$$

For any chain bundle (B, β) and any $Q(n)$ -quadratic form (M, λ, μ) there exist A -module morphisms

$$g : M \rightarrow B_n , \psi : M \rightarrow M^*$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned} dg &= 0 : M \rightarrow B_{n-1} , \\ \lambda - g^* \beta_{-2n} g &= \psi + (-1)^n \psi^* : M \rightarrow M^* , \\ \mu : M &\rightarrow Q(n) ; x \mapsto (\psi(x)(x), g(x)) . \end{aligned}$$

If (M, λ, μ) is a nonsingular form there is thus defined a $2n$ -dimensional symmetric (B, β) -structure Poincaré complex (C, ϕ, θ, f) with

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_0 &= \lambda : C^n = M \rightarrow C_n = M^* , \quad C_r = 0 \ (r \neq n) , \\ \theta_{-1} &= \psi : C^n = M \rightarrow C_n = M^* , \\ f &= g\lambda^{-1} : C_n = M^* \xrightarrow{\lambda^{-1}} M \xrightarrow{g} B_n , \\ v_n(\phi, \theta, f) &= \mu : H^n(C) = M \rightarrow Q(n) . \end{aligned}$$

The construction defines a morphism of abelian groups

$$W_{Q(n)}(A) \rightarrow L\langle B, \beta \rangle^{2n}(A) ; (M, \lambda, \mu) \mapsto (C, \phi, \theta, f) .$$

Conversely, if (C, ϕ, θ, f) is a $2n$ -dimensional symmetric (B, β) -structure Poincaré complex such that $H^n(C)$ is a f.g. projective A -module there is defined a nonsingular $Q(n)$ -quadratic form $(H^n(C), \phi_0, v_n(\phi, \theta, f))$, with

$$v_n(\phi, \theta, f) : H^n(C) \rightarrow Q(n) ; x \mapsto (\theta_{-1}(x)(x), f(x)) .$$

It follows that for any ring A there is a natural identification of the 0-dimensional L -group with the Witt group

$$L\langle B, \beta \rangle^0(A) = W_{Q(0)}(A) .$$

For a field A the morphisms

$$W_{Q(n)}(A) \rightarrow L\langle B, \beta \rangle^{2n}(A) \ (n \geq 0)$$

are injections, which are split by

$$L\langle B, \beta \rangle^{2n}(A) \rightarrow W_{Q(n)}(A) ; (C, \phi, \theta, f) \mapsto (H^n(C), \phi_0, v_n(\phi, \theta, f)) \ (n \geq 0) .$$

For any ring with involution A let $(B(\infty), \beta(\infty))$ be the universal chain bundle of Weiss [19] (cf. §6 above), with isomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{v}_m(\beta(\infty)) &: H_m(B(\infty)) \rightarrow \widehat{H}^m(\mathbb{Z}_2; A) , \\ L\langle B(\infty), \beta(\infty) \rangle^m(A) &\cong L^m(A) \end{aligned}$$

and an exact sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow L_m(A) \xrightarrow{1+T} L^m(A) \rightarrow Q_m(B(\infty), \beta(\infty)) \xrightarrow{\partial} L_{m-1}(A) \rightarrow \cdots$$

The cokernel of the symmetrization map in the Witt groups

$$\text{coker}(1+T : L_0(A) \rightarrow L^0(A)) = \text{im}(L^0(A) \rightarrow Q_0(B(\infty), \beta(\infty)))$$

was computed for noetherian A by Carlsson [5] in terms of 'Wu invariants' prior to the general theory of Weiss [19].

For $n \geq 0$ let $(B\langle n+1 \rangle, \beta\langle n+1 \rangle)$ be the $(v_{n+1} = 0)$ -universal chain bundle over A , characterized up to equivalence by the properties

- (i) $\hat{v}_r(\beta\langle n+1 \rangle) : H_r(B\langle n+1 \rangle) \rightarrow \hat{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}_2; A)$ is an isomorphism for $r \neq n+1$,
- (ii) $H_{n+1}(B\langle n+1 \rangle) = 0$.

The $(v_{n+1} = 0)$ -symmetric L -groups of A are defined by

$$L\langle v_{n+1} \rangle^m(A) = L\langle B\langle n+1 \rangle, \beta\langle n+1 \rangle \rangle^m(A) \quad (m \geq 0).$$

Define the A -group

$$Q\langle v_{n+1} \rangle = Q\langle B\langle n+1 \rangle, \beta\langle n+1 \rangle \rangle^{2n}(S^n A),$$

to fit into the commutative braid of exact sequences

In §11 below we shall make use of the surjections

$$L\langle v_{n+1} \rangle^{2n}(A) \rightarrow W_{Q\langle v_{n+1} \rangle}(A) ; (C, \phi, \theta, f) \mapsto (H^n(C), \phi_0, v_n(\phi, \theta, f)) \quad (n \geq 0)$$

defined for a field A .

§11. An example

As an illustration of the exact sequence of §8

$$\cdots \rightarrow L_n(A) \rightarrow L\langle B, \beta \rangle^n(A) \rightarrow Q_n(B, \beta) \xrightarrow{\partial} L_{n-1}(A) \rightarrow \cdots$$

we compute the Witt groups $L^0(A)$, $L_0(A)$, $L\langle v_1 \rangle^0(A)$ for A a perfect field of characteristic 2, without appealing to the theorem of Arf [1] on the classification of quadratic forms over such A (cf. Example 2.14 of Ranicki [16]).

For any field A $\begin{cases} L^{2n}(A) \\ L_{2n}(A) \end{cases}$ is the Witt group of nonsingular $\begin{cases} (-1)^n\text{-symmetric} \\ (-1)^n\text{-quadratic} \end{cases}$ forms over A , and $\begin{cases} L^{2n+1}(A) = 0 \\ L_{2n+1}(A) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (n \geq 0)$ - see Ranicki [15] for details.

Let then A be a perfect field of characteristic 2, so that squaring defines an automorphism

$$A \rightarrow A ; a \mapsto a^2 .$$

Let A have the identity involution

$$- : A \rightarrow A ; a \mapsto \bar{a} = a .$$

As an additive group

$$\widehat{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}_2; A) = A \quad (r \in \mathbb{Z})$$

with A acting by

$$A \times \widehat{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}_2; A) \rightarrow \widehat{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}_2; A) ; (a, x) \mapsto a^2 x ,$$

and there is defined an isomorphism of A -modules

$$A \rightarrow \widehat{H}^r(\mathbb{Z}_2; A) ; a \mapsto a^2 .$$

The chain bundle over A $(B(\infty), \beta(\infty))$ defined by

$$\begin{aligned} d_{B(\infty)} &= 0 : B(\infty)_r = A \rightarrow B(\infty)_{r-1} = A , \\ \beta(\infty)_s &= \begin{cases} 1 \\ 0 \end{cases} : B(\infty)_r = A \rightarrow B(\infty)^{-r-s} = A \text{ if } \begin{cases} s = -2r \\ s \neq -2r \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

is universal. The twisted quadratic groups of $(B(\infty), \beta(\infty))$ are given up to isomorphism by

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{2n}(B(\infty), \beta(\infty)) &= Q^\bullet(A) , \\ Q_{2n+1}(B(\infty), \beta(\infty)) &= Q_\bullet(A) , \end{aligned}$$

with the abelian groups $Q^\bullet(A)$, $Q_\bullet(A)$ defined by

$$\begin{aligned} Q^\bullet(A) &= \{a \in A \mid a + a^2 = 0\} = \mathbb{Z}_2 , \\ Q_\bullet(A) &= A / \{b + b^2 \mid b \in A\} , \end{aligned}$$

and isomorphisms defined by

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{2n}(B(\infty), \beta(\infty)) &\rightarrow Q^\bullet(A) ; (\phi, \theta) \mapsto \phi_0(1)(1) , \\ \phi_0 : B(\infty)^n &= A \rightarrow B(\infty)_n = A , \\ Q_{2n+1}(B(\infty), \beta(\infty)) &\rightarrow Q_\bullet(A) ; (\phi, \theta) \mapsto \theta_{-1}(1)(1) , \\ \theta_{-1} : B(\infty)^{n+1} &= A \rightarrow B(\infty)_{n+1} = A . \end{aligned}$$

A symmetric form over A (M, λ) is even if and only if

$$\lambda(x, x) = 0 \in A \quad (x \in M) .$$

A nonsingular even symmetric form over A (M, λ) is hyperbolic, since for any $x \in M$ there exists $y \in M$ such that $\lambda(x)(y) = 1 \in A$, so that a hyperbolic summand may be split off (M, λ)

$$(M, \lambda) = (Ax \oplus Ay, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}) \oplus (M', \lambda'),$$

with

$$\text{rank}_A M' = (\text{rank}_A M) - 2.$$

Thus

$$L\langle v_0 \rangle^0(A) = W\langle v_0 \rangle(A) = 0$$

and the symmetrization maps

$$1 + T : L_{2n}(A) = L_0(A) \rightarrow L\langle v_0 \rangle^0(A) \rightarrow L^{2n}(A)$$

are zero. It is now immediate from the exact sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow L_m(A) \xrightarrow{1+T} L^m(A) \rightarrow Q_m(B(\infty), \beta(\infty)) \xrightarrow{\partial} L_{m-1}(A) \rightarrow \cdots$$

that

$$L^{2n}(A) = Q^\bullet(A), \quad L_{2n}(A) = Q_\bullet(A).$$

In the symmetric case there is defined an isomorphism

$$L^{2n}(A) \rightarrow Q^\bullet(A) = \mathbb{Z}_2; (C, \phi) \mapsto \phi_0(v)(v) = \text{rank}_A H^n(C),$$

sending a $2n$ -dimensional symmetric Poincaré complex (C, ϕ) over A to the element $\phi_0(v)(v) \in Q^\bullet(A)$, with $v \in H^n(C)$ the unique cohomology class such that

$$\phi_0(x)(v) = \phi_0(x)(x) \in \widehat{H}^n(\mathbb{Z}_2; A) \quad (x \in H^n(C)).$$

The inverse isomorphism

$$Q^\bullet(A) = \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow L^{2n}(A)$$

sends $1 \in Q^\bullet(A)$ to the $2n$ -dimensional symmetric Poincaré complex (C, ϕ) defined by

$$\phi_0 = 1 : C^n = A \rightarrow C_n = A, \quad C_r = 0 \quad (r \neq 0).$$

In the quadratic case there is defined an isomorphism

$$\partial : Q_\bullet(A) \rightarrow L_{2n}(A); a \mapsto (C, \psi)$$

with (C, ψ) the $2n$ -dimensional quadratic Poincaré complex over A given by

$$\psi_0 = \begin{pmatrix} a & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} : C^m = A \oplus A \rightarrow C_n = A \oplus A, \quad C_r = 0 \quad (r \neq n).$$

The inverse isomorphism $L_{2n}(A) \rightarrow Q_\bullet(A)$ sends a $2n$ -dimensional quadratic Poincaré complex (C, ψ) over A to the Arf invariant $c \in Q_\bullet(A)$ of the nonsingular quadratic form $(H^n(C), (1+T)\psi_0, v^n(\psi))$ over A , as defined by

$$c = \sum_{i=1}^m v^n(\psi)(x_{2i})v^n(\psi)(x_{2i+1}) \in Q_\bullet(A)$$

with $\{x_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq m\}$ any basis for $H^n(C)$ such that

$$(1+T)\psi_0(x_i, x_j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (i, j) = (2r, 2r+1) \text{ or } (2r+1, 2r) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The chain bundle over A $(B\langle v_{n+1} \rangle, \beta\langle v_{n+1} \rangle)$ ($n \geq 0$) defined by

$$\begin{aligned} B\langle v_{n+1} \rangle_r &= \begin{cases} A & \text{if } r \neq n+1 \\ 0 & \text{if } r = n+1 \end{cases}, \\ d = 0 &: B\langle v_{n+1} \rangle_r \rightarrow B\langle v_{n+1} \rangle_{r-1}, \\ \beta\langle v_{n+1} \rangle_s &= \begin{cases} 1 & : B\langle v_{n+1} \rangle_r \rightarrow B\langle v_{n+1} \rangle^{-r-s} \text{ if } \begin{cases} s = -2r, r \neq n+1 \\ \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ 0 & \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

is $(v_{n+1} = 0)$ -universal. Define symmetric bilinear pairings

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &: A \times A \rightarrow A; (a, b) \mapsto ab, \\ \sigma &: Q^\bullet(A) \times Q^\bullet(A) \rightarrow A; (1, 1) \mapsto 1 \end{aligned}$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned} Q\langle B\langle v_{n+1} \rangle, \beta\langle v_{n+1} \rangle \rangle^{2n}(S^n A) &= A \times_\rho A, \\ Q_{2n}(B\langle v_{n+1} \rangle, \beta\langle v_{n+1} \rangle) &= A \times_\sigma Q^\bullet(A), \\ Q_{2n+1}(B\langle v_{n+1} \rangle, \beta\langle v_{n+1} \rangle) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} Q\langle v_1 \rangle &= Q\langle B\langle v_1 \rangle, \beta\langle v_1 \rangle \rangle^0(A) \\ &= A \times_\rho A. \end{aligned}$$

Given a nonsingular $Q\langle v_1 \rangle$ -quadratic form (M, λ, μ) over A there exist $v \in M$, $\psi \in \text{Hom}_A(M, M^*)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(x, y) &= \lambda(x, v)\lambda(y, v) + \psi(x)(y) + \psi(y)(x) \in A \quad (x, y \in M) \\ \mu &: M \rightarrow Q\langle v_1 \rangle = A \times_\rho A; x \mapsto (\psi(x)(x), \lambda(x, v)). \end{aligned}$$

The morphism

$$\begin{aligned} L\langle v_1 \rangle^0(A) &= W_{Q\langle v_1 \rangle}(A) \rightarrow Q_0(B\langle v_1 \rangle, \beta\langle v_1 \rangle); \\ (M, \lambda : M \times M \rightarrow A, \mu : M \rightarrow Q\langle v_1 \rangle) &\mapsto \mu(v) = (\psi(v)(v), \lambda(v, v)) \end{aligned}$$

fits into a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow L_0(A) \rightarrow L\langle v_1 \rangle^0(A) \rightarrow Q_0(B\langle v_1 \rangle, \beta\langle v_1 \rangle) \rightarrow 0.$$

The injection

$$L_{2n}(A) \rightarrow L\langle v_{n+1} \rangle^{2n}(A) \rightarrow W_{Q\langle v_1 \rangle}(A) = L\langle v_1 \rangle^0(A)$$

sends the cobordism class of a $2n$ -dimensional quadratic Poincaré complex over A (C, ψ) to the Witt class of the nonsingular $Q\langle v_1 \rangle$ -quadratic form $(H^n(C), (1+T)\psi_0, iv^n(\psi))$, with i the canonical injection

$$i : H_0(\mathbb{Z}_2; A, (-1)^n) = A \rightarrow Q\langle v_1 \rangle = A \times_\rho A; a \mapsto (a, 0).$$

In the special case $A = \mathbb{Z}_2$

$$\begin{aligned} L_{2n}(\mathbb{Z}_2) &= Q_\bullet(\mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2, \quad L^{2n}(\mathbb{Z}_2) = Q^\bullet(\mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2, \\ Q\langle v_{n+1} \rangle &= \mathbb{Z}_4, \quad Q_0(B\langle v_1 \rangle, \beta\langle v_1 \rangle) = \mathbb{Z}_4, \end{aligned}$$

with

$$L\langle v_{n+1} \rangle^{2n}(\mathbb{Z}_2) = W_{\mathbb{Z}_4}(\mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_8$$

the Witt group of nonsingular \mathbb{Z}_4 -valued quadratic forms over \mathbb{Z}_2 . See Weiss [19, §11] for the the algebraic Poincaré bordism interpretation of the work of Browder [2] and Brown [4] on the Kervaire invariant and its generalization, which applies also to the work of Milgram [11].

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